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POLITICAL PRISONERS OF USA FASCISM

MESSAGE FROM: CHAIRMAN BOBBY SEALE B.P.P.



BOBBY SEALE, CHAIRMAN, B.P.P.
POLITICAL PRISONER

A witness by the name of Frapolly got up. He was an agent-provocateur. He belonged to SDS, Student Mobilization, Chicago Peace Conference and some other White radical groups. When he got through testifying, Kuntsler asked Weinglass if he wanted to question the witness. When he did that, the Chairman interrupted and said, "I want to question him. I'm entitled to question him. Because of a law that was an old Black Reconstruction Law. This law says that you can't violate the constitutional rights of the Black man. He made a statement that he was FBI, and he said that in Lincoln Park, I said that Black People want to take over White people." Hoffman told the Chairman to sit down. The Chairman said, "You violated my constitutional rights already today, when you refused my motion this morning."

MOTION:
"In the U.S. District Court, in the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division where the U.S. Government, NOT the people is the Plaintiff and myself, Bobby Seale is a defendant of eight others, #69 CM. 180 - State of Illinois. I, Bobby Seale, demand and move the court as follows: that I, Bobby Seale, who have been denied the services of my attorney, Charles R. Garry, and without money, especially since the pig police forces of Chicago taking orders from the government officials of the city have unjustly raided and attacked the Chicago, Illinois Black Panther Party Chapter Office time and time again and have stolen more than ten thousand dollars in cash and checks donated to us. During this attack by the police recently they had taken close to five thousand dollars that was for Free Breakfast for Children Program, Free Health Clinic and Legal Defense of Party members. I demand my rights that this court see to it that I receive at the expense of this court of the U.S. Government a recorded transcript of this trial of which I am a defendant, who has constantly contended and pointed out that my rights to legal defense have been denied, and I need especially now this transcript of testimony against me, so as to be able to help prove my innocence of the charges against me, since I am denied the services of legal counsel of my choice and the right to defend myself."

A Black Man, Bobby G. Seale
Chairman, Black Panther Party

(This is a violation of Section 19842 of Section 42, Federal Code.)

The judge reminded him that under federal law the Chairman could be chained and gagged to his chair. The Chairman told Hoffman that he should, if anything, not remind him of his (judge's) constitutional rights, but of his (Bobby's) rights under the constitution (i.e. right to legal counsel).

When it was time for the judge to leave and all the defendants to stand, the Chairman refused to stand. The judge ordered the lawyer, Kuntsler, to order the Chairman to stand. By this time defendants Rubin and Hayden had also sat down. Kuntsler said, "It is against my conscience. Why don't you give me a directive, because these people are sitting down to protest being tried in this manner". The judge gave him a directive, and told the Federal Marshals to make them stand up. By this time, all the defendants had sat down, and the Federal Marshals were standing up over them. And the judge was standing. And the judge said, "Let the record show that in this court, at the conclusion of these proceedings, the defendants are still not standing; and this court will be adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10:00."

Judge Hoffman finally declared that Chairman Bobby would, in fact, be bound and gagged tomorrow (October 29th).

TO ALL ANTI - FASCIST AND ANTI - IMPERIALIST JOURNALISTS, PRESSMEN OF THE WORLD.
"REPRINT THIS DEMAND."

AMBUSHED.. THE CONSPIRACY EIGHT



LEFT TO RIGHT: LEONARD WEINGLASS, (ATT), RENNIE DAVIS, ABBIE HOFFMAN, LEE WEINER, DAVE DELLINGER, JOHN FROINES, JERRY RUBIN, TOM HAYDEN, WILLIAM KUNTSLER (ATT)

It is becoming crystal clear that the eight defendants were the victims of a political ambush. The circumstances of their indictments were being created by the fascist ruling class of America, some two years before the Democratic National Convention.

The plans to trap and later smash the political movement here in Babylon were being made as far back as the fall of 1966, the same time plans were being made for the Democratic National Convention. This was a precautionary measure of the capitalist-fascist clique to ensure that the bureaucratic-capitalist politics of the so-called American democracy were held intact and the fruitlessness of political conventions was not exposed to the American people.

The intelligence agencies of the capitalist-fascist clique were the tools used to lay this ambush. The Secret Service, the not so secret CIA, FBI, ABC, NBC, CBS, I SPY, and others have come into the courtroom of Julius Adolph Eichman Hoffman to testify against the eight defendants on events that occured several months before the DNC. These local, state, and federal pigs and informers' jobs were to disrupt the activities of the organizations leading to the 'intent to riot' charges of the Grand Jury indictments. Some of the defendants fell into the trap laid by this bourgeois-capitalist government, not realizing that a year later they would be prosecuted for 'exercising' their first and fourth amendment rights.

It is interesting to note that the Black Panther Party was started in the fall of 1966, and that the reactionary forces of this bourgeois - capitalist state were trying desperately to stop the revolutionary Party and vanguard of the socialist revolution and the Black people's struggle for national liberation.

The orders to start the ball to rolling to attempt to destroy the people's army and the mass political movements were given by the fascist leader of the 'Great Society', Lyndon B Johnson. However, even though he gave the order, the decision was made by the elements that make up the ruling class here in Babylon.

There is a force (the Bourgeois capitalist state) in Babylon that made the decisions to try to stifle the progress of the growing political movement for proletarian democracy in America. This force is made up of finance capital (big banks and financial institutions), large corporations, lawyers--all those elements that have a vested interest in the maintenance of this decadent capitalist state. It is their watchdogs -all the intelligence agencies -role to keep tabs on growing political dissent in Babylon and their job to execute any and all orders made by the ruling class. The ruling class understands that their 'ivory tower' will be challenged and they make amends to see to it that the challenge is quashed and the political dissent is directed into non-revolutionary activities.

This bureaucratic superstructure of intelligence agencies now consider the domestic political dissent of prime concern. The government is plowing more and more funds into its domestic intelligence network to infiltrate, maneuver, and destroy the progressive political activities in general and the Black Panther Party in particular. The intelligence network has such control over the political activities (excluding the BPP and RNA), that it can channel their energies into reactionary activities or demonstrations with apolitical objectives.

The point that I'm trying to get across is that the stage of the Conspiracy to Riot trial was set by the ruling class with the innocent participation of some of the defendants. Testimonies, documents, and tapes, show that the defendants didn't conspire to riot, but were ambushed for the purpose of smashing all heretofore anti-

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RACISM OF HOFFMAN'S COURT

It is evident to all people that the court system of this capitalist state is riddled with racism and the opportunity for a Black man to get a fair trial is virtually impossible. Day after day, the hanging judge and the running dogs have ejected Black people from the courtroom and harassed the Panther members that were there...He claims some were noisy, that some were asleep, that "they came into my courtroom too late", and "they seemed to be intimidating the jurors". The pig judge went as far as to have the Chairman's family removed, and when the Chairman stood up to protest, the pig ordered him to sit down.

Before the trial began, the government and the hanging judge managed to dismiss eleven of the fourteen prospective jurors...Out of a population of 750,000 Black citizens, only 14 were among the 400 prospective jurors. As a result, the Chairman can't get a fair trial because of the absence of his peer group members on the jury. The pig judge thinks that because half of the marshals are Black (they were hand picked for his trial), the exclusion of Black people on the jury and in the spectators audience is justified. A Black pig is still a pig and nothing more.

He intimidates the attorneys when they speak up for the Black spectators and orders them not to speak out about the racism in his court.

The racism became evident when he refused to allow the Chairman to represent himself. The Chairman's attorney, Charles R. Garry, is sick in California and has been unable to come to the trial. This illegal and improper conduct of the hanging judge is condoned by the attorneys for the government of the United States.

Racism is a fundamental aspect of the fascist court system and helps to curtail democracy here in America. The same ruling class that promotes capitalism, promotes racism. We must unite to expose the racism and continue our struggle to smash the capitalist ruling class.

SEIZE THE TIME
FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS

BLACK PANTHER PARTY
Illinois Chapter



BOBBY SEALE, CHAIRMAN, B.P.P.
POLITICAL PRISONER

NEW HAVEN PANTHERS HAVE HEARING

On Thursday October 23, 1969 the New Haven Panther 14 appeared in court for the first time since May 22, 1969, when they were dragged out of bed in the middle of the night by America's answer to HITLER'S SECRET POLICE, THE F.B.I.

The Panther Party members looked very well despite their 4 months stay in the racist, fascist prisons of Conn. Their spirit was very high; and they are refusing to let their forced isolation away from the people of New Haven, break their will and determination to fight for the freedom and liberation of all oppressed and exploited people here in New Haven and in Amerikkka.The message I bring from these beautiful and righteous revolutionaries to the people is to "BE STRONG" and "TO CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE FOR THE FREEDOM AND JUSTICE THEY DESERVE IN THIS FOUL CAPITALIST COUNTRY WE LIVE IN."

The hearing was supposed to start at 10:00 a.m., but was delayed as usual by the racist state's attorney until 3:30 late that afternoon, in an attempt to discourage the people from the community from attending the hearing. The people from the community turned out to show support for these brothers and sisters who are being held on jive charges that the pigs created out of thin air in an attempt to destroy the Black Panther Party, and all other people in this country who are telling the truth about what's really happening to Black people, Brown people, and poor White people here in Amerikkka. When the people from the community tried to get into the courtroom they were told to wait until the local pig department could get its goons into the courtroom. There were about 15 pigs in the courtroom and they were being led by their swollen headed leader, paste head Pastore.

This was another clear cut attempt by the state attorney and local pigs to frighten the people away from the courtroom. The state attorney oinked in the face of the people when he denied them the right to enter a courtroom that the people are supposed to control. There were more pigs in the coutroom than there were people from the communities. If the New Haven Panthers are going to receive a fair trial, these kind of things have to be stopped. If the New Haven Panthers are to receive justice in these racist and fascist courts then the people must turn out at their trial and demand that we have the right to watch and make sure that Party members receive fair and impartial trials.

We must demand that these revolutionaries, these true servants of the people be set free immediately, and that all political prisoners be set free immediately. We must also demand that points 8 and 9 of the Black Panther Party Platform and Program be implemented to insure that our brothers and sisters be set free!

8. WE WANT FREEDOM FOR ALL BLACK MEN HELD IN FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY AND CITY PRISONS AND JAILS.

9. WE WANT ALL BLACK PEOPLE WHEN BROUGHT TO TRIAL TO BE TRIED IN A COURT BY A JURY OF THEIR PEER GROUP OR PEOPLE FROM THE BLACK COMMUNITY, AS DEFINED BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!!
Area Captain Doug Miranda
New Haven, Chapter
Black Panther Party

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capitalist political activity. The real conspirators, the capitalist-fascist clique, on the verge of extinction, are stepping up their 'time-table' to destroy the Party in particular and the mass political movements in general.

If the trial is allowed to continue, all the first and fourth amendment rights to free speech and assembly will be nullified; and the next move of the fascist will be on the people. The people of this country will then become the victims of an ambush by the fascist-capitalist ruling class of Amerikkka.

STRUGGLE AGAINST FASCISM
SEIZE THE TIME

BLACK PANTHER PARTY
Illinois Chapter
Lt. of Information Eugene Charles

NATIONAL PROTEST
NOVEMBER 17 - 9:00 AM
FOLEY SQUARE , N.Y. CITY

TO FREE THE PANTHER 21 AND ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS

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LONG LIVE "TOURE"



"TOURE" WALTER POPE



Toure's commemaration message delivered by David Hilliard Chief of Staff of the Black Panther Party at the graveside October 25th 1969.

"Toure is not with us now. But the blood he shed will never be wasted. His name and the everlasting revolutionary exploits he performed will go down forever in the history of liberation of mankind and his lofty revolutionary spirit will be immortal.

There will appear thousands and tens of thousands of Toures on the scene of decisive battle in the revolutionary struggle of Black people and the revolutionary cause which he left unaccomplished will surely be achieved by Black people and the revolutionary peoples the world over.

SO, LONG LIVE TOURE."

NEW HAVEN COALITION TO SUPPORT B.P.P.

More and more people around New Haven are coming to demand the immediate release of the 15 Black Panther Party members, held illegally in jail on a number of charges. Even people who don't agree with the Panthers politically know that they can't get a "fair" trial now, after the bad publicity they've received.

Two weeks ago the formation of The Coalition for the Defense of the Black Panthers was announced. Fourteen groups have joined so far; some statements about why they joined follow. The statements show how people of all back grounds and professions have joined to demand that the Panther Party members be freed.



PRESS CONFERENCE: FROM LEFT TO RIGHT HENRY MITCHEL, CHRIS WILSON, DOUG MIRANDA, CASI EISENMAN AND ROBERT WEBB

Joining together is only the first step. It is not enough just to say the Panthers must be freed. People must know why these men and women were arrested. The Panther program is a real threat to the rich businessmen and crooked politicians who run this country -- that's why the Black Panther Party is being persecuted.

AIM wants to let people know where it agrees with the Panthers.

Both groups feel that the big corporations run this country in order to squeeze out as much money as they can from the people. Both groups are fighting to give the country back to the regular working people. AIM and the Panthers want the people to control their own communities. The Black Panthers have set up Free Health Clinics and Breakfast Programs for Children. These are the kinds of things the powers-that-be will never freely give the people. That is why they want to destroy the Black Panther Party.

AIM can't afford to see the Panthers in jail. Neither can you.

The American Independent Movement is eager to work with this Coalition. We join it, first of all, because we believe the current persecution of the Panthers has violated every principle of justice. The Panthers were arrested illegally, denied the right to counsel, and the right to bail. They were indicted in secret by an illegally selected grand jury of courthouse cronies.

We believe the police and prosecution officials are making a deliberate and unconstitutional attempt to violate the principle of "innocent until proven guilty" by planting prejudicial stories in the press.

On a broader level, we join this coalition to Defend the Panthers because we believe the efforts of the Black Panther Party are important and positive steps toward securing economic and racial justice in America.

The Panthers believe, as does AIM, that this country must be controlled by working people, both Black and White, and not by the corporations and the big-shot politicians.

For these reasons, we will fight this attempt to discredit and destroy our brothers in the Black Panther Party.

American Independent Movement (AIM)

As a community legal rights education program, we at Dixwell Legal Rights Association believe it is essential to demand and work constructively for a legal system which protects the constitutional rights of all defendants, regardless of their political or social beliefs. Futhermore, every citizen and all community groups must bear this responsibility by actively seeking a fair trial for the arrested members of the Black Panther Party.

Dixwell Legal Rights Association, Inc.

New Haven SDS is a group of young people working to return the power of America to its people. We join the Coalition to Defend the Panthers.

The arrest of the Connecticut Panthers is part of a nation-wide attempt to destroy the Panthers, because the Panthers fight against the oppression of all people in America. Panthers serve the people: They must be set free! All Power to the People!

New Haven Students for a Democratic Society (SDS)

The Architects' Resistance finds it intolerable that the police and the press have the right to wage a campaign of hate against any group they wish to see destroyed. The Panthers have been the object of just such a campaign and have been denied the right to a fair trial. Therefore, the Architects' Resistance joins with the other members of the Coalition in demanding that the Panthers not be denied a fair trial because of the radical nature of their politics.



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Furthermore, we full support the Panther principle that all people should have the right and power to control their own lives and believe they should be allowed to continue their work free of harassment.

-The Architects' Resistance

The Coalition of Concerned Citizens is alarmed that a fair trial for the Black Panthers who have been arrested no longer appears possible. The case for the police and the prosecution has been put before the public repeatedly by the news media. Because of this trial by publicity, a large part of the community feels the case is as good as closed. For all practical purposes, this makes the selection of an impartial jury virtually impossible. We feel the news media have the obligation to rectify the situation by reporting the case for the defense as well. This is essential if we are to perserve a fundamental ideal in our legal tradition: that is, any person charged with a crime is "innocent until proven guilty in a court of law."

-Coalition of Concerned Citizens

The history of the Black man in America has been one of intense oppression, exploitation, and terror. For 400 years we have been bred and slaughtered like cattle at the slave masters' discretion. For 400 years we have been forced to endure any and every kind of injustice. For 400 years we have been victims of the most insidious system that has ever been recorded in the annals of history. We Black people will not let another year, not another second pass without trying to rectify the situation. Indeed we Black people do see the light at the end of the tunnel. We support the Black Panther Party in its fight to erase exploitation. We support and actively engage in insuring a fair trial for these courageous warriors of justice.

We, the students of Southern Connecticut, pledge our full support, both moral and physical energies, to the Black Panther Party to do all within our power to safeguard the right to a fair and speedy trial. We at Southern admire and respect the unquenchable desire for total liberation of all oppressed people exemplified by the Black Panther Party. Lastly, the students at Southern as well as Black people generally, will not tolerate random intimidation nor arbitrary terrorism from anybody but will unite under the banner of righteousness and deal with it.

-Organization of Afro-American Students (Southern Connecticut State College)

INTERVIEW WITH ANGELA DAVIS

ON SEPTEMBER 19, 1969, THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA VOTED TO DISMISS ANGELA DAVIS, A 25-YEAR-OLD BLACK ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, WHO HAD BEEN FIRED BY THE PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES SOLEY ON THE BASIS OF HER MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, DONALD KALISH, CHAIRMAN OF THE UCLA PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT, ANNOUNCED THAT MISS DAVIS WOULD BE ASSIGNED TO TEACH A COURSE ON "RECURRING PHILOSOPHICAL THEMES IN BLACK LITERATURE," TO BEGIN OCTOBER 6.

THE REGENTS MET AGAIN ON OCT. 3, THIS TIME IN EMERGENCY SESSION, AND VOTED OVERWHELMINGLY THAT NO CREDIT WAS TO BE GRANTED TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN MISS DAVIS' COURSE. A MASSIVE PROTEST MOVEMENT ENVELOPED ALL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA CAMPUSES, AND MANY OTHER ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS IN CALIFORNIA. LIKEWISE, THE BLACK COMMUNITY HAS BITTERLY CONDEMNED THE REGENTS' DECISION.

CONNIE: Angela, could you explain to me the way in which you see what has happened to you at U.C.L.A. to be a victory for Black people in the struggle and how do you relate this to what is happening in the communities.

ANGELA: One of the things I have tried to constantly point out is that the Regents' attempt to fire me, according to a resolution which they have on a standing order barring communists, was in effect an attack not only on members of the Communist Party but potentially an attack on anyone who posed radical solutions to the problems in our society. If they can still keep that particular resolution on their standing orders they can also pass a resolution barring members of the Black Panther Party from teaching on the campuses. They can pass a resolution barring members of Chicano organizations, white organizations which are pushing forth in a radical direction. Therefore, I think that the decision the judge made which in effect implied that no political test should be used is a major victory for Black people because it means that we can talk about our political views. We can use our political views in order to expose the kinds of atrocities that are going on in the society on the campuses. On the other hand it's a victory only in the sense that we continue to push forth in the streets. It's not a court victory, a legal victory. It's insignificant unless it's accompanied by a move of the masses of the people in order to push forward in the struggle.

CONNIE: What do you intend doing now? You have had quite a lot of speaking engagements. How do you intend to carry on? You have the public interest focused on your activities. How will you take all this one step further, and to the benefit of the struggle?

ANGELA: Well one of the things I did, and not too long ago, was when I was asked to respond to the decision the judge made, by the press. I stated that I didn't want to hold a press conference up at U.C.L.A isolated from where the real struggle was, but rather right down in the Black community. We had representative students from the Black high schools in the area who are involved in struggling for a better education for Black people. A representative from the Black Panther Party was supposed to be present at the press conference but an emergency came up that day and Elaine wasn't able to make it. So what I am trying to do is to show the people how this, the action that the Regents attempted to take against me, is only one minute instance of all the repressive acts which are taking place in the society today, and really nothing compared to the way for instance that the Black Panther Party is being subjected to a really calculated genocide. Like the brother who was in charge of the distribution of the Black Panther Party Paper in Los Angeles and was shot down by the pigs a couple days ago. This is what I have been trying to put forth. The loss of my job, really would mean nothing to me and my fight for this job is significant, only in-so-far that it is symbolic of the fight of Black people and oppressed people in this country and all over the world to push forward towards liberation.

CONNIE: You have heard recently about the proposed exchange of prisoners: that the Vietnamese are willing to discuss the release of American prisoners of war, in exchange for the freedom of Huey P. Newton Minister of Defense and founder of the Black Panther Party, and Bobby Seale, Chairman of the Black Panther Party. How do you see this? What impact do you think this will have on the struggle here in the U.S., and how do you view this as far as internationalism is concerned in bringing together the ties for a world proletarian revolution?

ANGELA: I think that this is one of the best political ways in which we can begin to establish a concrete solidarity with our brothers and sisters who are fighting in the Third World for their liberation. And I think that the statement that Bobby Seale made at the Montreal Conference last year-that if we are talking about fighting against racism, fighting against oppression in this country, we have to look towards Vietnam because they are really on the front lines of the battle field in the fight against oppression all over the world-is very relevant. I think if we can bring this into effect, if we can get the masses involved in forcing the U.S. government to accept this kind of an exchange, that this will be a major victory, both in terms of our own struggle and also in terms of the solidarity which is so necessary for us to establish with the people in the Third World. Since I was informed of what the North Vietnamese, and I suppose the provisional government of South Vietnam, had stated I have been continually talking about this wherever I go and telling people that this is something that we will have to get everybody involved around because it ties in the struggle in Vietnam with our struggle against capitalism and racism in this country.



CONNIE MATTHEWS INTERVIEWS ANGELA DAVIS

CONNIE: Now, we look at it this way. We know that the U.S. government will not just release Huey Newton and Bobby Seale just like that so we will have to put it into the hands of the people and take it onto the streets. Do you have any ideas on this, because we know Nixon is very indifferent to what the people say. We feel the people should handle this, as there are lots of American women who have husbands or sons, or what have you, who are prisoners of war in Vietnam. What do you think?

ANGELA: I think it is going to have to become a major issue of mass involvement. It shouldn't only be kept on a diplomatic level. One of the reasons why the few Congressmen called for the moratorium on Oct. 15, was because of all the mass pressure that has been mounting during the last couple of years. And I think that if we begin to pose this to the masses of the people; if we make this one of the major issues of the upcoming mobilization against the war then we can be victorious. But as you pointed out, it is going to have to become an issue in the streets and not just with the government on a high level of diplomacy.

CONNIE: We have come a long way from the beginning as far as the struggle is concerned, in the sense that Black people are now arming themselves with an ideology which was missing before. How do you see the overall struggle at the moment? We have been trying to educate our people to the importance of internationalism. To get them to understand that we are in the belly of the whale here and that imperialism, manifested in the U.S., is a monster with tentacles and the other oppressed peoples of the world are trying to cut off the tentacles but that we here have to get the monster from inside.

ANGELA: I think that it is very significant that over the last few years a number of organizations, Chicanos, Black, White were afraid of the terms socialism and communism because of all the indoctrination that has gone on. It is significant that many of the organizations are now beginning to turn towards Marxism-Leninism and are beginning to see that socialism has worked in many countries all over the world and is continuing to work. People are beginning to wake up to the fact that in order to talk about constructing a real humane society we have to destroy imperialism, and we have to destroy capitalism. One of the things which really impressed me during the trip I made to Cuba this summer is that the Cubans really look to us, Blacks, Browns, and White revolutionaries in this country, as being the crucial element in the struggle. They look towards us as fighting for their revolution and they really depend on us to continue to put internal pressure on the government, on capitalism. Another thing which was very amusing throughout Cuba, Kendra Alexander and I were on a small tour this summer, and everywhere we went people knew about the revolutionary struggle here. They knew about the Black Panther Party. And when they noticed us with our naturals they immediately said we must be from the Black Panther Party. I also think the upcoming Venceremos Brigade is another way of showing our solidarity, symbolically showing our solidarity with co ntries which are carrying out the task of building a real socialist revolution. But my perspective on the movement is that we are moving constantly in a progressive direction towards socialism and towards linking up with oppressed peoples all over the world, particularly linking up with those people who are also fighting against American imperialism and see socialism as the only alternative way of creating a humane existence for all people over the world.

THE PEOPLE VS. CAPITALISM

Capitalism is a cancer which eats away all signs of humanity in people. Capitalism does not care who it exploits (cheats). Capitalism is for a selfish few and not for the masses of the people. A capitalist is one who owns factories, stores, and money (capital) etc., and with these things he takes the peoples money and makes more money. He doesn't return any of the money to the community, but instead takes the money to the suburbs and his split-level house.

Let's break down the different things the capitalist owns and how we're being exploited (cheated) by him. Factories: The workers in factories make things that are needed for everyday survival. The people need these jobs to survive, and the capitalist uses the people to make more money here's how he does it: You work in a factory making shoes, you make $50 worth of shoes a day, but you get $15 a day for making the shoes, which means you're paying the capitalist $35 a day to make his shoes: DIG IT! Stores: The capitalists' main bag of exploitation (cheating) is the stores from which we must buy our everyday needs, from food and clothing to roach killers. The capitalist knows he doesn't pay us our correct salaries, he knows he underpays us; but the capitalist pigs don't want just a little of our money, he wants ALL. The community capitalist is the grinning pig at the corner store who takes all the cash money we have with his high prices, and all that we don't have through his bill system. When we don't have cash and our bills are high the grinning pig tells us no more food, clothing, etc. He's sucking us dry with a porky pig grin on his face. The downtown capitalist is the big department stores where we got to get our "good" things; a dress that cost the capitalist $8.50 to make sells for $35. The big and little capitalist pigs are cheating us the same way but on a lower and higher level. One oinks in our faces from our communities; the other we have to go to for him to oink in our faces.

The money (capital) that these capitalists have is not theirs; it belongs to the people and the people see what the pigs are doing to us, they see that the capitalist is working in no ones interest but his own, he's making us spend more money for less. Giving his money to other capitalists for their exploitive (cheating) ventures; to suck even more money from our already empty pockets.

We the people of this decadent society are now beginning to realize that we make things in the capitalists factories, and we're not being payed fairly for our work. When we go to the capitalists' stores and buy the same things we make, we pay twice the amount of money, and sometimes more, than it costs for us to make them.

We now realize that there must be an end to the robbery by the capitalist of our poor communities. Let all the poor peoples of Babylon shout together.

"We're going to to take it from the greedy, and give it all back to the needy"

BLACK PANTHER PARTY
New Haven Chapter
Verna

INTERVIEW WITH D.C. -- FIELD MARSHAL BLACK PANTHER PARTY

ACTIVIST: D. C., the Black Panther Party has been a tremendous inspiration to the liberation movement in general the world over and the United States in particular, especially the white movement. Could you briefly outline for our readers some of the programs the Black Panther Party has initiated and some of the programs they are carrying on now to meet the needs of the people?

D.C.: At the present time we have going the free breakfast programs. This was started last January. Our first program was in Oakland and the first day there were twenty children. Now we're feeding close to 30,000. We hope before this semester is over we will be feeding up to 200,000 children breakfast every morning. Now this is a hot breakfast, meat (either ham or bacon), eggs, juice, grits, toast, and hot chocolate--- very good meals. We also have free lunch programs in some areas primarily for children who aren't school age. We have liberation schools going and some of the branches have liberation schools going after the regular school hours.

We also have free medical clinics. We're instituting those in all the branches and chapters. This one was a little late in getting off the ground. We really just got off into it this summer, and I guess now about eight branches have these free medical clinics. The problem we have with that program is the facility and, frankly, that's the biggest problem. We have commitments from doctors, and supplies, but the facility is the problem.

We also have free clothing programs going now. We initiated that one in New York, we're proud to say. It started out in response to the welfare cuts in cutting off the clothing allowance. We always try to relate to the people's needs in a concrete fashion, you see, rather than just relate to some symbolic demonstration or something. We leave that for the people who aren't as politically advanced as we are. That's the natural response, to demonstrate, but we try to relate to things on a higher level in a concrete fashion speaking to their needs so we launched that free clothing and school supply program. The response from the businessmen, for whatever reason, has been fairly good. Naturally, it's not adequate but we're managing to clothe quite a few kids; We're getting new shoes, coats, the whole gamut. The thing is going quite well. Now we don't refuse anything, see, we get good response from cleaners. I guess the cleaners contribute more to that program than anyone, clothing that has never been claimed or never picked up. And these are the four basic programs that are going on nationally. Each branch wherever it is works autonomously dealing with local issues, but those are the national programs that we have going at this time. Also we're naturally pushing for community control of police.

ACTIVIST: It's fairly easy to see, for anyone who studies the American movement, that in recent months particularly the Black Panther Party has been the victim of one of the most vicious and brutal repressions from the government in the history of the United States: Huey P. Newton, the Minister of Defense, is in jail; Eldridge Cleaver in exile; now the Chairman of the Party, Bobby Seale, has been kidnapped and is in jail without bail; the New York Panther 21 and on and on around the country; and yet the Party work seems to have continued and seems to have expanded. Would you like to comment on this?

D.C.: We really have gotten to the point in history where there are people who understand that in order to change the conditions that we're in, we have to have a revolution, and we've managed to have these people in the Party. They're dedicated and they're aware regardless of the repression that we have to struggle--- we have to have that revolution. And they're selfless people.

They know even though we may not be around personally to benefit from the revolution itself, it's a very necessary thing. I've heard the brothers say you can indict a revolutionary but you can't indict a revolution. It's the conditions the people are forced to live in that created the Panther Party in the first place. And I like to relate to what I heard one of the brothers in New York say-"as long as there's one black person struggling, there will always be a Black Panther Party."

We have a program, we have principles. We're trying to become Marxists. We're working and studying together, so we don't relate to personalities. So it doesn't stop anything when they do rip off one of the leaders. This is the traditional method that the pigs have used thinking they could take off the leadership or the head and the body would die. But see, the same principles that guide the central committee guide the Panthers in training. So regardless of the numbers of us that they rip off, it's not going to stop anything. By the repression that we're receiving, this really is beginning to further educate people. And there's nothing happening really that we personally didn't expect and know what was going to happen.

But we have to use all the repression that's being rained upon us to point out to the people the contradiction within the society and try to make them understand that once people reach the point where they really begin to push for the true liberation that this is in store for anyone, not just members of the Black Panther Party, or the black community, but anyone who steps off the little ol' red, white and blue path that the pigs lay out, anybody who dissents and says "no more" and who work for change to make this a meaningful society they're going to receive the same repression. This is the way fascism always comes into the picture.

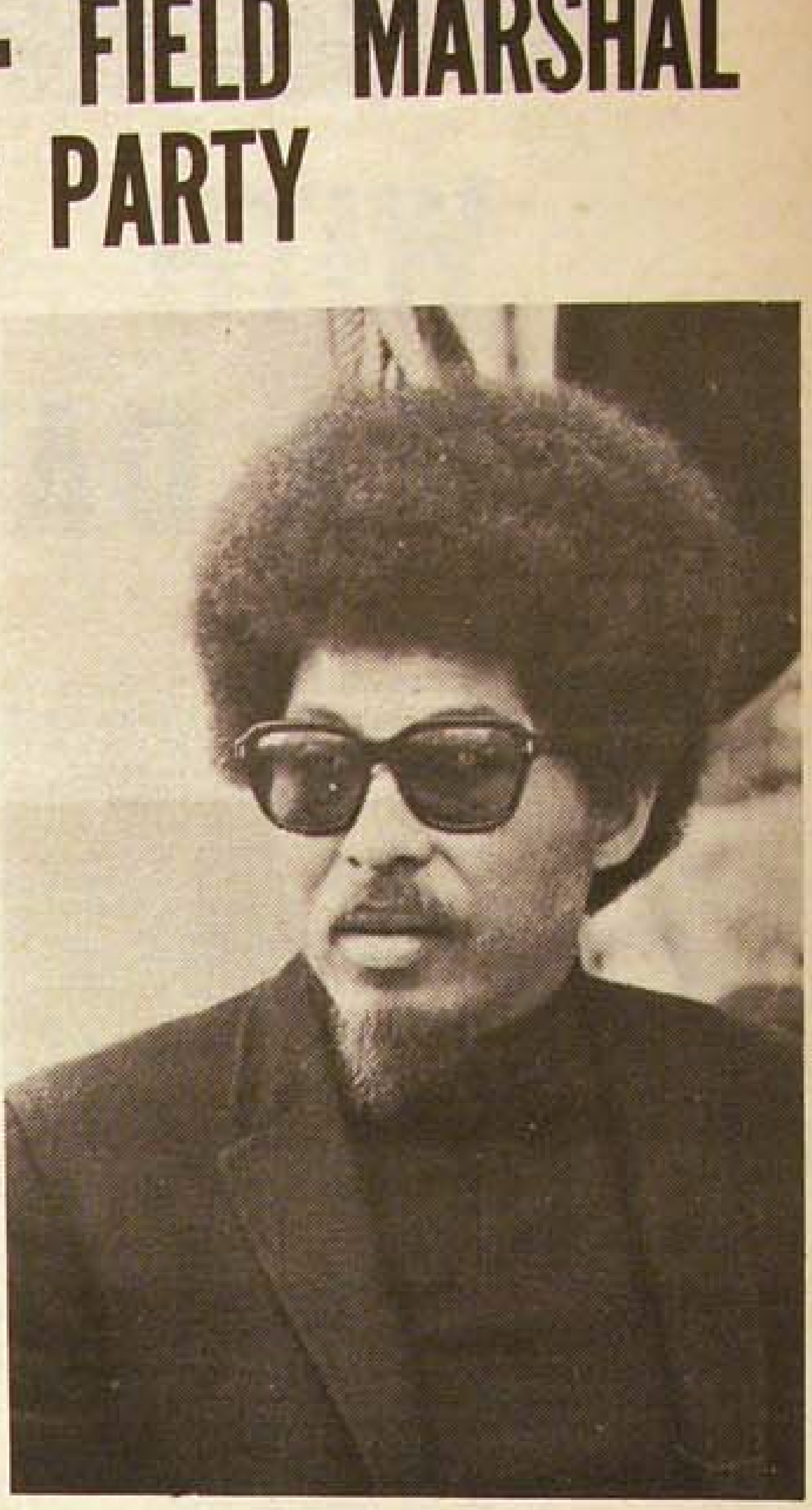
When a society can no longer maintain its control over the people through the bullshit that they have always employed, then the only avenue available at that time is just open terror.

ACTIVIST: All over the country the role of prisons is becoming more and more evident. It's becoming more and more evident to politically aware people that prisons are not correctional institutions, but rather a repressive tool of the ruling class. Now the ruling class used to say that of course it was only in the South where racism was rampant and outmoded conditions prevail but we've come to see that it's not only in the South, but it's in the West, the North, and it's all over the country. Now recently in New York State itself, Martin Sostre has revealed that there are construction programs going on now to expand the prisons and turn them into concentration camps for the black and the poor. You've traveled all over the country, D.C., is there anything you would like to add?

D.C.: That's normal, it's part of the state machinery that's used to repress and control the people--the prisons, the courts, the pigs--that's all part of that state machinery that's applied to those people who do step off the little old red, white, and blue path. They send them pigs in there to crack your head, or to shoot Mace in your face, or to shoot you, or throw you in jail, run you through those courts and put you off in those prisons. We see, say in a year's time, the huge increase in the number of political prisoners. They know that the thing is going to escalate, because they're not going to give up anything. So they have to have more room to put these people. So they're just going to expand the present institutions that they have and build more. At one point we were talking about concentration camps on a theoretical level and people expected to see the regular barbed wire stockade type of thing, but we weren't aware at that time that they already existed in the present prisons and jails. But people are now beginning to understand that.

ACTIVIST: Also something else that's becoming more and more evident around the country is the role of the drugs in the oppressed communities. Now this morning at the conference (Nat'l Conf. on Pol. Prisoners in Buffalo-Ed.) Zayd said that if the Panther Party ever got enough guns they would take care of the Mafia. Now would you care to talk a little bit about the role of drugs in the oppressed communities throughout the country?

D.C.: I would like to expand on what Zayd said. We're aware that the people who control the drugs are the same people who we're struggling against in the first place. When the people rise up and have their revolution, that's when we end the dope problem.



FIELD MARSHAL D.C.

I'll give an experience that I had personally in San Francisco. This was in the summer of '67. There was a rebellion, a small rebellion. It didn't get too far out of hand. But quite a little bit of activity was going on that night amongst the black youth in the streets. And knowing the streets very well, being in the streets every day, I know about the flow of dope traffic, you know, and the thing on the West Coast--the red devils - seconals.

The shit broke out around 6 o'clock and I hit the streets and I was checking the thing out. Then about 8:00, all of a sudden you see the cats just stumblin' everywhere and someone from somewhere flooded the community with red devils. And there were so many red devils that were flooded into that community that night, that you could actually walk down the street and step on them. You couldn't go a few feet - - they were on the sidewalks. So that was an obvious tactic that was used at that time to suppress the rebellious feelings that the people had, to come in with those red devils. It made them readily available.

Well, in New York City there's so much scag, speed balls as we call them, a mixture of heroin and cocaine, being used, that the buildings are leaning. And naturally in the most oppressed community, you always find the heavy dope.

This is one of the tools, along with the government OEO and other government funded pacification programs, to keep the oppressed people silent, keep them passive. And we recognize it for what it is. It's definitely a mistake if people decide to stop or spend their time dealing with the dope problem because the dope problem is the big problem. The same people who control the dope are the same people we're going to have to wage our struggle against to have our revolution. You can't really separate the Mafia from the power structure any more, it's all integrated, it's all one in the same.

ACTIVIST: D.C., in Buffalo, the case of Martin Sostre is coming into more and more prominence and giving inspiration, and political understanding -- especially to the white movement here in Buffalo. Now Martin was framed up in July of '67 in this city on dope charges and put away for a vicious 41 years.

D.C.: Yes, Martin Sostre truly was in the vanguard in '67, remembering the level the movement was at. There weren't many black people talking about Marxist-Leninist principles and actually trying to propagate these type of ideas. So, naturally he had to be eliminated. And the power structure framed him on those charges of inciting to riot and couldn't make that stick, or else they thought they could put him away longer by turning that around and framing him and charging him with possession of dope. I'd say he's one of our earlier political prisoners. When we demand the freedom of Huey Newton, the freedom of Bobby Seale, we must also talk about the freedom of Martin Sostre.

ACTIVIST: Also one question that's going through the movement across the country now that's increasingly coming into prominence is the question of women. And again, the Black Panther Party has, by example, been in the forefront on this all important question. Erika Huggins, the wife of John Huggins, is now in jail; Kathleen Cleaver has played a very important role in organizing the black communities; and of course Martin Sostre's co-defendent, Geraldine Robinson, is also in jail right now.

D.C.: The women question is naturally like all other oppressed people. It's something that we all have to become more aware of and conscious of, do more studying of and to get a little more theoretical foundation to apply in our daily practice. I'd like to address myself to the men, because the primary problem that we're fighting was imposed upon us like everything else by this system is male chauvinism. That's what we have to combat. That's the primary problem and the lesser half of the problem for you sisters is that of female submissiveness.

We can begin to work daily on what we call " personal lives " to begin to eradicate these inequalities that we've put up with and accepted from this system and our so-called personal lives - this is how the party really began to deal with it as we began to develop collectives - you know, the need to cook, wash dishes, etc. -- all of a sudden the sisters becoming aware that they were doing certain things. And this helped us see clearer this whole thing of male chauvinism and begin to put it in the proper perspective and put a class analysis to the whole question of the women. All the theory that we come up with won't do us any good if we don't begin to put some of that stuff into practice. I still see a lot of the brothers in the movement that are very heavy theoretically daily engaging in male chauvinism. This is something we all have to guard against and work to eradicate. But women's liberation, naturally, can not be separated from the liberation of all oppressed peoples. When all people are liberated, then women will also be liberated.

FASCISM ESCALATES...

In collusion with the rest of this country's fascistic pig power structure, the Southern California arm of Tricky Dick Nixon's judicial fascists are bringing constitutional fascism down hard on the Southern California Chapter of the Black Panther Party. Recognizing us for what we are--one of the strongest Chapters in the country--they are attempting to stop our Chapter and its work through trumped-up charges with high ransoms or no ransoms at all: Six brothers in Southern California are currently facing death in the electric chair or life imprisonment. In four separate cases, all are charged with murder or attempted murder.

SANTA ANA

Arthur League, a strong servant of the people in Orange County (hotbed of racism and fascism) is charged with the murder of Santa Ana's rookie "pig of the year". The sole "evidence" against him is of the demagogic Larry and Jean Powell variety. A 17 year old pathological liar who has been beaten and bribed by Santa Ana's racist pig cops is the alledged "witness" to this alledged murder. Meanwhile, Santa Ana's racist pig cops (who are only little cogs in the Orange County fascist wheel) continue to run rampant in the streets striking fear and terror into the hearts of the people.

LOS ANGELES

Paul Cross and Roger Lewis ("Blue") are currently incarcerated in old and new county jails respectively, also on the trumped up charges of murder. This time, it's supposed to have been a person neither of them know or have ever seen. The "evidence" in this case is even more ridiculous--"witnesses" saw persons in black leather jackets at the scene of the "crime". The pigs don't know or they forgot that Panthers no longer wear such attire--instead we dress like the people. The star witness is a red-devil dropping counter revolutionary Karangatang b---h.

This is what the judicial fascists are using to hold Blue and Paul without ransom (bail).

Robert Williams and Luxey Irwin are also political prisoners here in Dodge City (LA). They are charged with 10 counts each on a wild assortment of charges: attempted murder, felonious assault, robbery and kidnapping.



BRUCE RICHARDS

Their case reminds one of Emmitt Till. They are charged with the kidnapping of two White women and one little White girl. This is the charge being blown up in the media in an attempt to inflame racial tensions and divisions. The case is being held in a racist little suburb of LA county. The pigs are attempting to form a legal lynch mob through the use of a racist fascistic judge and jury. The same morning these two brothers were picked up, the pigs vamped on and raided our Watts Hot Breakfast Program. At gun point, little brothers and sisters were thrown out of the house where the breakfast is served and the staff was arrested. Yet through the false arrests (legal kidnapping) of these brothers and cooperation from the media pigs, attempts are being made to send them to the chair while the real criminals go free.

Romaine Fitzgerald ("Chip") is simultaneously charged in two separate cases. The pigs are trying to link him up with Robert and Luxey's case, claiming he "feloniously assaulted" a California Highway Pig. Then, they claim he is wanted for the murder of a supermarket rent-a-pig. The brother just happens to be a leader in his section who's been doing some very good work. His section was getting a breakfast program (to be LA's third) together in addition to signing up people to circulate petitions for Community (Decentralization) Control of Police. The pigs don't want to be decentralized out of a job and into humanity, so they are incarcerating strong community leaders like Chip.

On the same night, October 18th, that Brother Toure (Walter Pope) was brutally murdered by Los Angeles fascist pigs of the Metro Squad, Brother Bruce Richards, 18 years old, was critically wounded. Brother Bruce, like Toure, was a hard-working and dedicated Panther who joined the Party right after getting out of Tracey (supposedly a pig sty for juveniles - really a maximum security prison). Bruce immediately related to being a 24 hour worker for the People, and for this, like Toure, was shot by the pigs. Because he is a strong brother, he survived the pigs' .357 bullets, although he was wounded in critical areas. He will live to fight other days for the liberation of his people. He is now being held in the jail facilities of the L.A. County Hospital on charges of assault with intent to commit murder. But, because he is strong, just as bullets did not fell him, jail and bars will not stop his work for the masses of oppressed people.

In all of these cases, the judicial fascists of So. California's kangaroo courts are watching Chicago eagerly for new techniques of constitutional fascism to implement. In addition to these political prisoners, repression and harassment continue at an all time high. In the month of September alone, the So. California Chapter suffered 49 arrests.

In spite of this rampage, the Party and its programs continue.



ROBERT WILLIAMS

San Diego and LA continue to operate their Breakfast Programs and Liberation Schools; both branches get weekly newsletters out into the community, and work is continuing full speed on the planned free Clinics. Also the people are constantly being educated to the need for Community (Decentralization) Control of Police.

A chapter that is working hard invites full scale repression from this racist-capitalist-imperialist system. The fact that we are receiving it, only lets us know that our service to and education of the people is becoming more effective.

Southern California's legal fascists don't seem to realize that in spirit the people's warriors can never be taken from them. The people realize this and will not let their warriors fall. As these blatant attempts to crush the Vanguard Party continue, it becomes obvious that this is the last ditch stand of a crumbling power structure and the day draws nearer when the people will rise. With this in mind, the Southern California Chapter--Black Panther Party says:

SEIZE THE TIME AND FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS

I'D RATHER BE WITHOUT THE SHAME

"ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE"

A Panther is peaceful, but when he is backed into a corner, he strikes out in self-defense against his enemy and wipes him out thoroughly, wholly, resolutely and completely. With this in mind, the fascist pigs are charging myself and Robert with robbery, kidnapping, burglery, and some other ridiculous charges. They also had the idea of putting a pig in a cell with me, which was easy to detect because he oinked when he should have talked. This whole frame up is just a conspiracy and plot to keep us off the streets, and from serving and educating the people about the unjust conditions happening here in Babylon and throughout the world. This is happening constantly in an attempt to destroy the revolutionary forces. It's not only happening to the Vanguard, but it is manifesting itself in the lives of the people. Whenever a person or organization tries to correct one or many of the unjust conditions in Babylon, they are subjected to the worst treatment possible; political imprisonment, exile, 'murder', or harassed daily on the streets. The people can see these examples all over this country. The consciousness of the people, Black, White, Yellow, Brown, Red, striped, polka dot, zigzag, colored people, are rising to a much higher level everyday, as I can see through examples being set by the people of Chicago, Las Vegas, Conn., N.Y. San Diego, Colleges, Unions, and high schools, all over the world.

I am strong and my spirits are high because a revolutionary death or false imprisonment is inevitable. The pigs can jail a



LUXEY IRWIN

revolutionary, but they can't jail a revolution! They can't break myself or Robert because for the pigs there is no victory in prison. Everytime I hear about the people moving on the pig power structure, it increases my faith in the poor oppressed masses. The oppressed will rise even higher on even higher levels using their bound less creative powers to destroy monsters of all kinds.

It is the job of the revolutionary forces (the Vanguard) to continue the struggle on all levels and constantly show the people through examples, that the power of the people is greater than the pigs technology. Because the oppressor has no laws that the oppressed are bound to respect. We can't stop, not for a day, regardless of dark clouds, comrades being thrown in jail, or harassed, brutalized, offices being vamped on, pigs in the Party, lies in the newscoverage. Nothing can stop us. Ericka, John, Bobby, Huey Franco, Bunchy, Steve, Tommy, and Bursey--it's not only happening to the Vanguard, who are willing to lay down our lives to defend ourselves and the people who, when pushed into corners, must attack our enemies and wipe them out, thoroughly, wholly, resolutely and completely. But it is manifesting itself in the lives of the people, who are also being pushed into corners.

"I'd rather be without the shame. A bullet lodged within my brain, if we were not to reach our goal, let bleeding cancer torment my soul."

Luxey

LETTER FROM ROMAINE

Greetings from the Brothers who are with the people, and will always be united with the revolutionary struggle of the masses.

Even though we are isolated from the masses and the Vanguard Party, we declare solidarity with all oppressed people of the world and with Babylon in particular. We will continue to be strong in heart and soul and maintain an undying love for our revolutionary comrades. We will continue to function on this level of consciousness regardless of what degraded or dehumanized position the oppressor may put us in. "Our spirit is greater than the man's concrete and steel"! For liberation of the poor, oppressed people and everything productive and creative that humanity has to offer is worth the sacrifice.

We must overcome our past capitalist indoctrination, which include fear and petty-bourgeoisie hang-ups. We must relate to practice and keep our major political objective in mind. Whatever task we are asked to perform, we must do so, and do it whole-heartedly. We are not theorists, we're lumpen proletariats and we relate to practice. Brother Huey, Bobby and other members of the Central Committee whom we highly love and respect have laid down the proper ideology, methods and practice that if we follow, will take us to total revolutionary victory!

Dare to struggle and Dare to win, if we do not struggle we don't deserve to win!!!

Defeat the neo-colonial program of Black Capitalism!!

My Dearest Joan,*

I really don't know how to articulate my deep compassionate feeling for all revolutionary sisters and you in particular. I really can't say I love you because there are various degrees of love. But the love I'm speaking of is between two halves, Woman and Man. It serves as a bridge which enables these two halves to cross the chasm of incompleteness, to resolve the contradiction of loneliness and become whole



"CHIP"

and full of life. The kind of life that two people in love brings no matter what problems they face. Judging from your practice you are the other half that represents everything I want; I've made my decision, it rests with you.

Love is like the revolution-It grows and grows.

Chip
(Romaine Fitzgerald)

*Joan Kelly
So. Calif. Chapter B.P.P.

TO ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS AND OTHERS

THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY IS NOW WORKING TO PRODUCE A PHOTOGRAPHIC HISTORY OF THE PARTY. WE ARE GATHERING ALL PHOTOGRAPHS DEALING WITH THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY'S HISTORY; AND PHOTOS THAT ILLUSTRATE THE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL INJUSTICES WHICH THE PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE IS FIGHTING TO ELIMINATE. THESE PHOTOS ARE GOING TO BE MADE INTO A BOOK ABOUT THE PARTY AND THE PEOPLE'S FIGHT AGAINST EXPLOITATION (CAPITALISM) AND OPPRESSION (FASCISM) IN AMERICA TODAY.

YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE USED TO COMBAT THE LIES AND REPRESSION OF THE FASCIST MASS MEDIA MACHINERY THAT IS ATTEMPTING TO MISLEAD THE PEOPLE AND DISCREDIT THE PARTY AND THE PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE. WE WANT ALL PHOTOS CONCERNING THE PARTY'S ACTIVITIES; PROGRAMS IN ACTION, MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, ALLIANCES, RALLIES, DEMONSTRATIONS, PIG CONFRONTATIONS AND IT'S COMMUNITY, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ------ ETC. PHOTOS FROM THE PARTY'S VERY BEGINNING IN OAKLAND IN 1966 TO TODAY'S PANTHER PARTY AS A 28 BRANCH NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR LIBERATION THAT DEALS WITH LIBERATION AS A WORLD-WIDE INTERNATIONAL STRUGGLE OF ALL OPPRESSED PEOPLE. WE ALSO WANT PHOTOGRAPHS ABOUT THE REAL AMERICA, NOT TELEVISION AMERICA. THE CONTRADICTIONS, LIES, INJUSTICES, OPPRESSION AND EXPLOITATION AS SEEN BY YOU, THE PEOPLE.

PHOTOGRAPHERS; PROFESSIONAL AMATUER AND ANYONE WITH A CAMERA WHO HAS TAKEN PHOTOS OF THE PARTY AND THE INJUSTICES OF AMERICA ARE REQUESTED TO SEND IN ALL PRINTS OF PANTHERS AND OF FASCISM FROM YOUR AREA YOU CAN GET YOUR HANDS ON. PHOTO CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN, ANONYMOUS PHOTOS ARE WELCOME ALSO.

THIS IS A NATIONAL PROJECT THAT WILL AND MUST REPRESENT ALL OF THE PEOPLE. IT IS FOR, BY AND OF THE PEOPLE TO FIGHT THE LIES AND REPRESSION OF THE FASCIST NEWS MEDIA. IT WILL TAKE THE COLLECTIVE EFFORT AND ENERGY OF ALL THE PEOPLE, SO PLEASE CONTACT YOUR COMRADES, UNDERGROUND NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER PHOTO SOURCES. THIS PROJECT IS HAPPENING NOW, SO MOVE ON IT NOW. PLEASE SEND YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS TO THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY, MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, 3106 SHATTUCK AVENUE, BERKELEY CALIFORNIA. CONTACT YOUR LOCAL BLACK PANTHER PARTY BRANCH OR THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION (415) 848-6705 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

IT WILL BE YOUR EYES, THE EYES OF THE PEOPLE, THAT WILL TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT THE PEOPLE, THE STRUGGLE AND THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY. TELL IT LIKE IT IS.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
SEIZE THE TIME

MARTIN SOSTRE WEEK--OCT. 26

On July 14th, 1967, Martin Sostre and Geraldine Robinson were subjected to the crushing brute force of the oppressor for their heroic defiance of him. They were jailed on phony dope charges, their friends were arrested, beaten, and threatened, and a massive campaign of vilification was begun in the establishment media. The dope charges were a conscious and planned attempt to discredit Martin and Geraldine in the community.



MARTIN SOSTRE

The lies and slander which the official and unofficial police agents spread was inadequate to crush and demoralize the rising tide of support for Martin and Geraldine, particularly among the students.

This fall has witnessed a new campaign against Martin Sostre. The battle which was won against the lies of Felicetta and Amico has been reopened. The tremendous inspiration which the struggle has provided for the student movement, and the potential their examples offer for the revolutionary youth of the Black community leave the ruling class no choice but to launch a counter-attack against them.

The men who run this city have seen the name of Martin Sostre raised again and again, especially in the past year, as the exemplary model for revolutionary struggle. Black youth raised the demand for his freedom at a large rally in the heart of the city and shut down two Buffalo high schools when it was announced that Martin had been shipped into Buffalo for Geraldine Robinson's trial.

Now that Sostre has won a victory in being released from solitary and when he is bringing action against Rockefeller and Co. for their cruel and unusual punishment in their barbaric prisons, the rulers are renewing their efforts. They are mobilizing their agents and their controlled mass media. They are desperately trying to discredit Sostre in the eyes of the people and the movement.

The counter-attack is on! During strikes, the company always starts rumors. They say, "The strike is running out" or "The strike fund is low!" To stem the support for Martin, the rumor-mongers are saying that Martin really did it. When Huey was on trial in California, the police agents and the bourgeoise media stampeded over one another trying to convince everyone that Huey really did it.

On the eve of Martin Sostre Week the week of October, 26, we must beware of the whispered lies and slander and redouble our efforts to build the struggle in the streets which will bring the victory in the courts. On October 29 Martin Sostre will appear in Federal District Court, Foley Square, New York City to argue his case against Rockefeller and his prisons. To build Martin Sostre Week, there will be mass rallies in Buffalo, New York and other major cities. On October 29, a major mobilization will be launched in the streets of New York outside the Federal Court Building in Foley Square.



WAYNE GREEN

WAYNE GREENE FACES FASCIST FRAME - UP

Wayne Greene, the 19 year-old brother who was allegedly accused of firebombing a California Pig Highway Patrolman last summer will face fascist Hanging Pig, Judge Robert Dieden, prosecutor Vulcota and a host of racist jurors in the fascist courts for the second time around. Judge Robert Dieden is synonymous to the bowel-breath stinch-ridden fascist judges across the cesspool of Babylon (also known as Amerikkka) that are determined to railroad all Black people into the pig pen. Judge Hog Dieden is clearly playing up to his rotten character of "Hanging Judge" for he is the same pig that railroaded Panthers Charles Bursey and Warren Wells into jail.

He has even established a seemingly workable fascist pig tactic: Try-fail, try-again-fail, try-again until some hand picked racist jury comes up with a conviction. The fact that Greene's defense has the name of the man who was actually involved in the firebombing sheds new light on the case. But the fact that Pig Judge Dieden is presiding over the case along with his gang of piglets, casts a shadow in the face of the people that know Wayne Greene should be set free. However, that shadow shall never be vast enough to overshadow the revolution that is being intensifed by the examples set by political prisoners.

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

REPRESSION

It is always expected that because of the Party's resolute stand against developing fascism and the forces of reaction, we are ready and alert to the repression of the Party by the agents of this racist system.

Within the coming weeks, we as members of the Party will be faced with new rounds of arrests and frameups. We must, therefore, prepare ourselves for any eventuality brought on by agents and/or police using various facades to justify their repression of any form of Party work and policy.

Because of our recent experience across the face of Babylon with naked fascism and police harassment and arrest of our Party members on all types of insidious charges, it is of the utmost importance that we not be liable to such persecution again. Our people must be made doubly aware of our stand, for under no circumstances should we be kidnapped and hunted like dogs in our own community. We must be ready and in the position to defend ourselves as well as maintain our freedom and the peoples belief in their Party. Every individual must, therefore, resolve themselves in such a manner as to strengthen and facilitate this end on all levels.

We know how the fascists move and the nature of their program and we should adapt our apparatus accordingly to nullify their thing.

It is obvious that the pigs are preparing to vamp. We must, therefore, be ready to deal with this but do nothing to provoke it. It will come of its own accord. But I repeat, we cannot compromise our positions and policy.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

A. Dharuba
Richard Moore

FREE LOS SIETE

For the first time in over 3 1/2 months, the brothers of Los Siete de la Raza appeared in court. They have been held without bail since May 5 and have been consistently denied all their supposed "rights". On Oct. 20, they were brought before Judge Karesh for a taste of American "justice".

Oct. 20 was to have been the date for their trial, but Charles Garry, the lawyer for Tony and Mario Martinez and Jose Rios, is still ill. It was postponed until Oct. 25, Friday. Judge Karesh is no Judge Hoffman. He allowed the postponement. But just because he is a liberal, he is no less dangerous a man.

Karesh, in his liberal manner, denied all their rights. Motions were made for the brothers to be allowed reading matter-educational material, instead of "Buster Bear" and "Reader's Digest". But the judge said that the sheriff has control of the library and of all reading material and that he would decide what is suitable. Efforts were made to release the hold on the brother's mail. The liberal judge allowed Nelson Rodriguez to read a letter in the courtroom, but would not take a stand on the continued censorship of all their mail.

All these things are designed to lower the brothers' morale. But they cannot be broken by such piggish tricks. The Siete know the people are behind them--the courtroom was packed to overflowing, with a large picket line in front of the Hall of Injustice. They know that they are a symbol of the man's oppression of all Brown people, that where ever Brown people are at, there is support for Los Siete. In this way, they can withstand all the man's pettiness, all his fascist tricks.

The trial was postponed until Oct. 25--when Garry is expected back to work. We plan to have another demonstration on Friday, at 2 p.m. in front of the Hall of Injustice. We do not expect the pigs to be educated by the rally, but for the people to show their strength and their willingness to support our brothers.

FREE LOS SIETE!

VENCEREMOS BRIGADE

The Venceremos Brigade has been reorganized. Before the plan was for 300 people to cut cane in Cuba. Now the plan is for 600 to go. The people going will be working with the Centennial Youth Column—50,000 young Cuban volunteers. Those people who join the Brigade will be able to concretely show their solidarity with the Cuban people and the fact that not all Americans aim to destroy the Cuban revolution.

The deadline for applications has been extended to October 31, 1969. The application itself has been simplified. Write immediately to: Brigade, PO Box 643, Cathedral Station, New York 10025.

The Pueblo affair — told by its captors

A delegation of the Communist Party, USA, visited the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on invitation of the Workers' Party of Korea from Aug. 19-Sept. 9. This was the first delegation of its kind and consisted of John Pittman, Mike Davidow and Michael Eisenscher. A series of 11 other articles on their trip has appeared in the Daily World.

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By MICHAEL EISENSCHER

WONSAN

The two young seamen introduced themselves as Junior Captain Pak In Ho and Master Sergeant Ho Hyong Gun. They were the two men in charge of the seven-man boarding party of the patrol boat that captured the USS Pueblo on January 23, 1968, outside the harbor of Wonsan.

The capture of the Pueblo had kicked off a furor in the United States. Jingoist accusations of "piracy" were thrown at the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Threats of retaliation were made, and the money-controlled mass communications media joined the Johnson Administration in trying to whip up hysteria against socialist Korea.

Upon their release from captivity, the Pueblo's Captain Lloyd Bucher and other members of the crew claimed the Pueblo was captured only because the Koreans mustered overwhelming force against it.

We decided to investigate the Pueblo case during our visit to the DPRK. At our request, the two seamen answered questions during a three-hour interview. We learned that the entire crew of the Korean patrol boat numbered only ten men, that all were very young and had lost kin during the Korean War of 1950-1953. Junior Captain Pak was 29 at the time of the Pueblo's capture, and was the oldest of the boarding party. Master Sergeant Ho was 24.

Junior Captain Pak answered our questions first.

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QUESTION: Before sighting the Pueblo, were you on a routine patrol or did you suspect an encounter?

ANSWER: Our patrol boat's mission is to make routine patrols in defense of our territorial waters. On January 23, last year, we were on our regular routine patrol mission. We had left base three days before, and on Jan. 23 at 11:00 a.m. we sighted a spot on the seas, 7.6 miles from HoDo Island, at a point in line with our coastline. We approached the spot and found it to be a big ship, but it had no signs to give its national identity. According to international law, all ships must have identification on their mast or hull. It had no identification marks.

We demanded identification but it was refused . . . we continued signals demanding identification. We did not recognize it was an American ship. Finally it hoisted a flag showing it was a navigational survey ship.

QUESTION: How far from the Pueblo were you at this point?

ANSWER: Three miles away. We continued signals demanding national identity, this time very strongly. Only then did they hoist the U.S. flag.

QUESTION: Before taking action did you notify your headquarters and request assistance?

ANSWER: Yes.

QUESTION: Were any other Korean ships or planes accompanying you?

ANSWER: When we sighted that spot and started to approach, there was not a single ship of our country, not even a fishing boat, in the area because of bad weather. We dispatched a request for assistance, but the other ships came only after we had captured the Pueblo and were taking it into port. Air support arrived also after the capture.

QUESTION: What was the highest ranking officer on your vessel and the total number of men in the crew?

ANSWER: I was second in command and there was a captain of the same rank as mine. Including officers, ten men were on board.

QUESTION: How was the patrol boat armed?

ANSWER: There were light arms . . . two to three guns and small arms. It would have been most difficult to destroy the Pueblo singlehandedly.

QUESTION: What action did you take?

ANSWER: Our ship approached the Pueblo to the point from which we could see movement of men on board. Then the enemy ship started to run for international waters and opened fire against our ship with machine guns. We were forced to fire in counter-attack. Our first shot hit the Pueblo and we could see smoke rising. We continued to fire and four other shells hit the Pueblo. Then firing stopped . . .

After climbing aboard I found that four of our shells had hit the munition store of the Pueblo. Three of the shells had pierced the walls of that store, but one had exploded inside of it. One of the crewmen was killed, three wounded by the exploding shell. Another shell had hit the ship's bridge. All the officers had been frightened and run from the bridge to the deck.

Only Captain Bucher was lying in the bridge. I rushed there, and wanted to know who he was, because he had taken off his uniform and was in his underwear. Five of us had gone to the command post, but none of us could speak English. We picked up Bucher, who was only pretending to be hurt, and by sign language and drawing pictures on paper we found out he was number one on the ship and that there were 83 men in the crew. Our boarding party numbered seven.

Using pictures and shoving a loudspeaker microphone at Bucher, I ordered him to get all his men on deck. Bucher was frightened and did what I indicated and said something in English. I sent my men into different compartments of the ship to search, and we tied up the crewmen and lined them up on the deck.

We found pistols, cartridge boxes and grenades in the command post, so I knew the ship was armed, and thought that we must occupy the munition store. We drew another picture, and Bucher took us to the arms store. When we opened the door, we saw many small arms, bullets, and four kinds of grenades. As soon as Captain Bucher saw the wounded men, he got frightened and pretended to faint, but when we pointed a rifle at him, he stood right up. We had agreed not to fire our guns on board the ship because our men in different parts of the ship would be confused.

After seizing the munition store we had to take the engine room in order to pilot the ship to the base, so I took Bucher with me to the engine room. I found three men there; one engineer and two crew men. I assigned one of my men in the engine room and examined the room to make preparations to start the engines. We succeeded in starting the engines.

So, seven of us succeeded in capturing 83 men of the Pueblo. The whole thing took 13 minutes, and we started for our base. Only then did assist ships arrive. While taking the Pueblo to our base I searched every room of the ship with Bucher. While I had been in the command post, Master Sergeant Ho Hyong Gun entered below deck.

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TO THE GOV. OF THE DPR OF KOREA

The Government of the United States of America,

Acknowledging the validity of the confessions of the crew of the USS "Pueblo" and of the documents of evidence produced by the representative of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the effect that the ship, which was seized by the self-defense measures of the naval vessels of the Korean People's Army in the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on January 23, 1968, had illegally intruded into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on many occasions and conducted espionage activities of spying out important military and state secrets of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea,

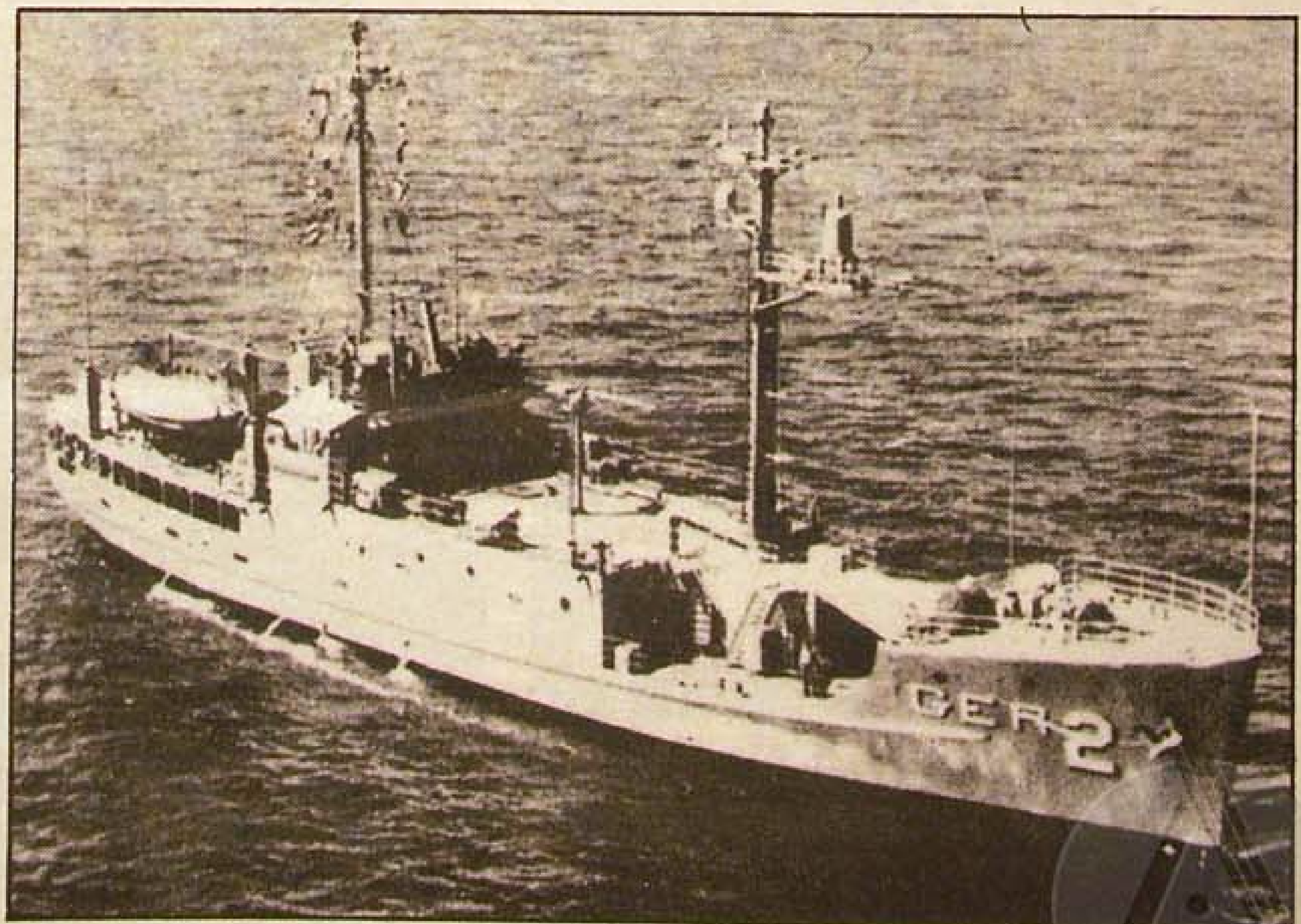
Shoulders full responsibility and solemnly apologizes for the grave acts of espionage committed by the U.S. ship against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea after having intruded into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea,

And gives firm assurance that no U.S. ships will intrude again in future into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Meanwhile, the Government of the United States of America earnestly requests the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to deal leniently with the former crew members of the USS "Pueblo" confiscated by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea side, taking into consideration the fact that these members have confessed honestly to their crimes and petitioned the Government of theDemocratic People's Republic of Korea for leniency.

On behalf of the Government of the United States of America

Gilbert H. Woodward,
Major General United States Army
23 Dec. 1968



This photo of the Pueblo shows some of its spying gear. The three thin poles at the front, midship and rear support cables for sending low frequency transmissions to submarines. The heavy pole near the center contains radar equipment and an antenna for monitoring aircraft communications. Near the rear are twin antennas for indicating the direction of signals.

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(Next we talked to Master Sergeant Ho.)

HO: I was ordered to search inside the rooms of the Pueblo and with a private first class of our search party, went below deck where I found rooms full of Yankee crewmen. As soon as they saw us, they all raised their hands. Some of them had been hiding under desks and in corners of the room. They were all in civilian clothes. We ordered them to come out onto the deck. This way we captured 30 of the crew members.

After bringing them out on deck, I ordered the private to watch them, and again entered the rooms. I found military uniforms, helmets, etc. While searching the rooms, I heard signal sounds of a wireless set. So I entered the radio rooms, but two of them were empty. The signals continued from a third room, which was locked. I struck the door with my rifle butt and it opened. But no one was there. The set was working automatically. I struck the equipment and wrecked the antennae and it stopped.



Major General Woodward signing the confession at Panmunjon.



A press conference in the DPRK, and Col. Zoo Nam Zoong tells press in July 1968 that the crew of the Pueblo will not be released until Washington apoligizes for the crime.

QUESTION: Did the Pueblo crew try to destroy any equipment or documents?

ANSWER: When we were searching we found many traces of their attempts to destroy the ship's equipment. There were some bullet holes on the equipment, some of the documents were burned.

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Commander Lloyd Bucher addresses military attache of the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea Embassy in Moscow.

Jr. Captain Pak and Master Sergeant Ho then told us that the youngest member of the patrol boat's crew was 21 years old at the time of the capture. Jr. Captain Pak, who had commanded the boarding party, had served in the navy for three years.

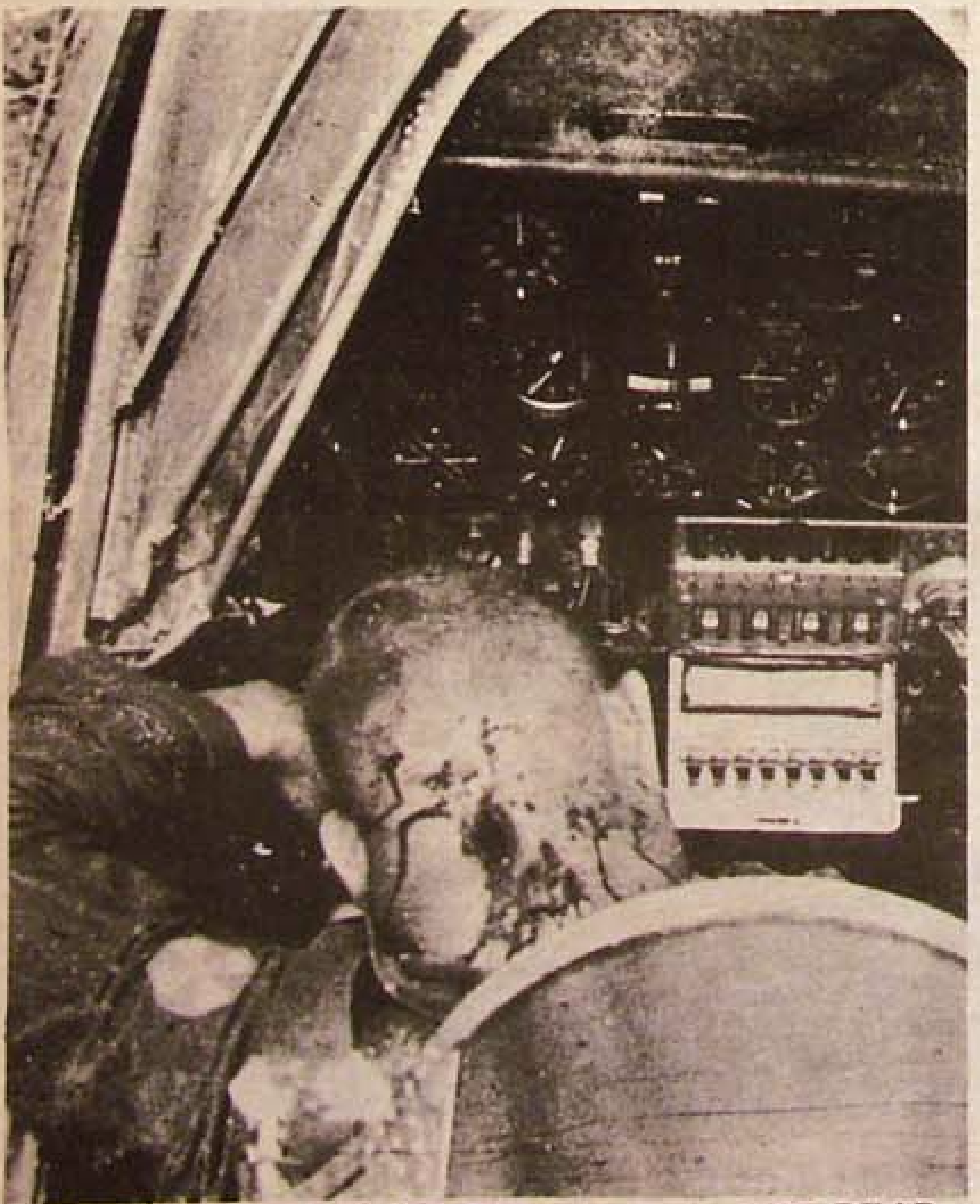
They explained, also, that they thought there was evidence of discrimination among the crew of the Pueblo, since the only three black crewmen had all been assigned as cooks. We asked them how it was possible for seven men to capture 83, for one small patrol boat to capture a 1,000 ton armed ship. Jr. Captain Pak said, he felt that the lack of resistance from the Pueblo crew could be attributed to the openly displayed fear of the officers, and the division between officers and men. Master Sergeant Ho said, "I realized that since they were aggressors, they were cowards. But we were ready to fight, though we might have been killed in our just fight to defend our Fatherland."

Several points stand out from the interview. First of all, Bucher and the Pueblo crew were hardly confronted by "overwhelming" force. Second, the Korean soldiers never shot at any of the American crew, having agreed not to fire on board. The wounded and dead Americans were hit by shells fired in the boat-to-boat battle that preceded the boarding. Third, the Pueblo was clearly in the service of the CIA, and the fact that the crew were in civilian clothes and the ship had had all identification marks removed was consistent with its mission as an armed spy vessel.

Fourth, the capture of the Pueblo in Korean waters was given wide publicity by the U.S. press, yet the facts of this open provocation were concealed from the American people. We were told that, in 1967 there were over 140 violations of Korean coastal waters by the U.S., over 125,000 bullets and 1,270 shells fired on more than 540 occasions across the demilitarized zone. In that year these provocations surpassed all similar acts in the preceding 13 years. The North Korean people firmly believe that the U.S. is actively preparing for a new war in Korea, and that these provocations are designed to create the excuse for a full scale attack. The similarity with the so-called Gulf of Tonkin incident needs no further comment.

While we were in the DPRK a U.S. helicopter was shot down 15 miles inside North Korean territory. Three armed saboteurs were captured by the Korean Peoples Army, carrying weapons, anesthetics, and poisons. Such acts of aggression are committed with increasing frequency and severity. Yet the American people are rarely told about these events, and when news does leak out, it is distorted and twisted.

It is time for the American people to demand that the U.S. get out of South Korea, and cease provocations against the North. It is time that the U.S. stop supporting dictators and puppets like Pak Jung Hi (Chung Hee Park) in South Korea. How many more American men must die in foreign wars of aggression against peoples who want no more than a decent life, freedom, and self-determination?



FROM THE SKYS OF THE D.P.R.K., ONE DEAD C.I.A. SPY- HE DIED THE DEATH OF A HOG



FASCIST US IMPERIALIST AGENTS, LIGHTER THAN A FEATHER

"WE HAVE FOUND IT HERE IN KOREA"

ELDRIDGE CLEAVER
Minister of Information of the Black Panther Party, U.S.A.

Eldridge Cleaver, who had led a delegation of the Black Panther Party, U.S.A., to the International Conference on the Tasks of Journalists of the Whole World in Their Fight against the Aggression of U.S. Imperialism held in Pyongyang recently, contributed the following article to our **Pyongyang Times**. (Title and sub-titles are ours.—Ed.)

The delegation from the Black Panther Party to the historic conference of journalists, composed of Deputy Minister of Defense Byron Booth and myself, have been here in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea since September 11, 1969. From the bottom of our hearts, we wish to thank the heroic people of the DPRK for receiving us, making us feel so very welcome, and extending to us a dignified respect of a caliber which we have never experienced before outside of the homes of our mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers. For this we are deeply grateful to the Korean people, to your government and Workers' Party, under the strong and wise leadership of the incomparable Marshal Kim Il Sung.

Our Minds Have Been "Blown Away"

We had to take a very long airplane ride to get here. Such trips are, by their very nature, an ordeal. But we would have been smiling every inch of the way had we known that when we set our feet down on the soil of Korea, *in Pyongyang, we would be inside of a new world. Our people* have a phrase to describe one's state of mind inspired by an overwhelming event, and we think that this is the only phrase that can describe how we feel about Korea and its beautiful, heroic people: our minds have been blown away!

We did not know very much about your people and your country before coming here. Of course we knew the general things that the whole world knows, principally that your people had waged a victorious resistance to the invasion of your soil by the mercenary troops under the command of the U.S. imperialists and under the flag of the United Nations. And, of course, like all revolutionaries, we had read some of the writings of Comrade Kim Il Sung, with which we were greatly impressed. But we read a lot of writings by many different people, and we read everything with a grain of salt, because, particularly in our era of unprecedented hypocrisy and false posturing, you cannot believe everything you read. There are just too many people around who do not practice what they preach. So you can imagine how surprised and delighted we were to discover that not only does Comrade Kim Il Sung practice what he preaches, but what a preachment and what a practice!

We are truly amazed by the achievements of the Korean people. And we are amazed by the Korean people themselves. Nowhere have we encountered such beautiful people, so vigorously mobilized, so efficiently organized, moving with the harmony of one man, one will, and one dedication.

Ordinarily I would be embarrassed to speak in such glowing terms about people, but in this situation I can hardly find the words with which to congratulate you, to praise you, and to express how much we love you.

You have shown us around your country and given us a quick course in your heroic history, shown us your struggle, your humiliation, and your triumph under the staunch leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung. Your truly revolutionary socialist art has managed, as art should, to convey to us the deep truths of your experience in a condensed form, so that we feel that we have seen into the essence of your fighting *people, even though we know that we could not possibly have learn*ed, in such a brief period, all that there is to learn. But this little bit that we have learned is enough for us to say that we know you and we love you.

We have been most impressed with your struggle, with your children, with your socialist construction, and with your great Leader. The love that binds the Korean people together is of priceless beauty. The love you have for your Leader and your children is one and the same.



BYRON AND ELDRIDGE VIEW SYMBOLS OF U.S. DEFEAT DISPLAYED IN VICTORY MUSEUM.

"Young Pioneers"



ELDRIDGE CLEAVER, MIN. OF INFO., B.P.P.

I must say a few words about your children, particularly the Young Pioneers. How wonderful and precious they are! How beautiful! Beyond the natural love which people have for their children, I think that there is a little something extra added in the love the Korean people have for their children. I get the impression that this is because for so many years you were unable to give them the kind of life and protection that you wanted to, that the suffering of the Korean children has been so great, that the slaughter, the beastly slaughter of your children first by the vicious Japanese imperialists and then, and most brutally, by the U.S. imperialist aggressors.

We visited Sinchon, and there we saw the execution chambers employed by the U.S. imperialists to mass murder Korean children and their mothers. We went inside these horror chambers and experienced a sinking heart to realize that the barbaric U.S. imperialist aggressors had herded the beautiful Korean children inside these death chambers by the hundreds, poured gas on them, and burned them alive. There was one of these death chambers in particular that I want to mention. It was all concrete, and was built, I think we were told, for an air raid shelter. It reminded me of the solitary confinement cells that I have myself been put inside in the prisons I have been in in the United States. From the inside, the death cells of Sinchon look exactly like the solitary confinement cells in the prisons of the United States. I remember how I felt each time I was thrown into one of these cells, how heavily it would weigh upon my heart and spirits, and how difficult it was to endure. So judging from my own feelings, I am horrified at how I know those children must have felt, being so young, frightened, and innocent as children are. How they must have begged for mercy from the merciless Yankees! How they scratched the walls, gasping for breath, and how they must have screamed when the savage imperialists poured in the gas and threw in the fire! Even to think about it, as I write this, brings tears to my eyes and a lump to my throat. So that whenever I see the Young Pioneers, my heart goes out to them especially, to each and every one of them, to all the Korean children.

On July 28, I became a father, our first child. The future of children in this world, under the threat of U.S. Fascism and Imperialism, is very important, very personally important to me, because I love all children.

"In Panmunjom"

In Panmunjom we saw and understood how your country is divided, and saw the hated U.S. imperialist M.P.s stationed there, who have the criminal audacity to pretend that they have a right to be there. It was kind of a shock for us to see these Yankees there, because we know them so well. We participated in a small demonstration against them, and gave them a piece of our mind. There were two black M.P.s among them and we singled them out and questioned them, challenging them for being here supporting the very system that is murdering our black people in the U.S.A. One of these blacks said, when we asked him, that he is from the state of Georgia in the United States. Atlanta, Georgia. That is disgusting, because any black man from the state of Georgia has been subjected to extreme oppression at the hands of white racists. The present governor of Georgia is notorious for a well known incident. Some black children entered a restaurant that he owns and tried to order some food. This racist pig, Governor Lester Maddox of Georgia, set upon them with an ax handle in one hand and a pistol in the other hand and beat them unmercifully. So that when this black M.P. at Panmunjom said that he came from the state of Georgia, it seemed so absurd, and we told him so. We could see how weakwilled and confused he was. It was disgusting. We hate especially to see our black brothers function as mercenaries for the U.S. imperialists when they should be on our side and on the side of the Korean people in opposition to the U.S. imperialist aggressors. We understand the need and deep desire of the Korean people for the unification of their country and we know that soon Korea will be unified.



ELDRIDGE AND BYRON

We welcome that day because that will mean more Young Pioneers, more socialist construction, and more of this beauty, and an end to the hateful life imposed upon your brothers and sisters by the U.S. imperialists who occupy your country. Our people have been under the very same boots of the U.S. fascist imperialists, for 400 years now, so nobody need tell us about how disagreeable it is!

"What Is Most Important"

I must speak now of what is most important. We came to Korea in search of something. We have been searching all over the world for it. The whole of our lives has been given to this search. And all of the oppressed people of the world are searching for this thing. We have found it here in Korea. Let me explain. We speak of internationalizing our struggle against imperialism, particularly U.S. imperialism. In order to succeed in this, we must have an international analysis and an international strategy based on this analysis. This strategy must be implemented through international tactics. I think that Comrade Kim Il Sung has provided these. I see the earth as one big piece of land with one big body of water. I see one territory. And I see Comrade Kim Il Sung speaking to all the people in this territory and I see them listening to him and understanding him. What he is saying is so clear that even a child should understand it. He is telling us what is right before our eyes, what we are all prepared to see and understand, but which we could not see as clearly as he could because we did not have his perspective. Now that he has pointed it out to us, we can see it clearly too.

It would take a man like Comrade Kim Il Sung, with his long and deep experience of fighting against imperialism, including deep experience in guerilla warfare. He has taken what he knows and applied it to the international situation. I think that the result is beautiful. I think it is what we've all been seeking, and waiting for, and working for.

The Korean people, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, Comrade Kim Il Sung, have heightened our consciousness to a level that makes us equal to the task of dealing with our number one enemy, the U.S. fascist imperialist aggressors.

So we are very glad to have come to your country, to have seen and learned all these things, to have known such beauty. The strength and revolutionary thrust of your entire society, your theatre, your industry, even your very trees and beautiful flowers, have made an indelible impression upon us. We would like to stay here in your glorious land forever. But, of course, we must return to our struggles, to our own people, to fulfill our duties and to take back with us and spread broadcast what we have learned here. If there is one single thing we have learned here, it is the wisdom and rewards of tenacity, of never giving up the struggle, of fighting harder and harder the more the vicious enemy presses us. This is what the Korean people did, and this is why they are triumphant. Our dream will be to someday make a return visit to a unified Korea, with Young Pioneers from the northern border to the tip of this country in the south.

We would like for the Korean people to know, that within the 30 million black people inside the United States, and among the other oppressed people there, there are ardent battalions of that army of liberation which the heroic guerilla, Major Ernesto Che Guevara called forth. Che called for a continental wide army. We respond to Che's call, enlarging his army into a hemisphere wide army of liberation. And we go further, responding to the resounding trumpet call of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great strategist and tactician of the international struggle against imperialism headed by U.S. imperialism. We will carry this sacred cause of our joint struggle through to the bitter sweet end, and win for our people the precious fruits of a great victory.

Eldridge Cleaver

ELDRIDGE CLEAVER ON POLITICAL PRISONERS



HUEY P. NEWTON,
MINISTER OF DEFENSE
POLITICAL PRISONER



BY WILLIAM KLEIN

IN SOLIDARITY AGAINST A COMMON ENEMY -- THE NLF OF SOUTH VIETNAM, AND THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY FF BABYLON



BOBBY SEALE
CHAIRMAN
POLITICAL PRISONER

I think that the purposed exchange of prisoners between the government of the United States and the Vietnamese people is a valid purposal, and it's justified on several grounds. Primarily, it's justified on the grounds of international proletarian solidarity. Because on the one hand, the United States government is waging a genocidal war of aggression against the Vietnamese people, and on the other hand waging a war, a similar type war with different means, against Black people in the United States. So that both the Vietnamese people and Black people in the United States are oppressed by the same enemy. And they have this in common, and they're totally justified in cooperating on all levels, not only to bring the war to an end in Vietnam, but also to relieve the oppression in both areas, and to go even beyond that to the total elimination of the entities that are practicing and perpetuating this aggression. I don't think that anyone can look upon this purposed exchange of prisoners as a gimmick or as a sham. Because we've always known that we are at war with the system that exists in the United States that has been oppressing us for 400 years. And Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale are both political prisoners. Huey Newton is the leader of the Black Panther Party, and he was leading the struggle of Black people in Oakland, California against the oppression of the government in Oakland, California. And he was framed and sent to prison specifically because of his political activities. So that no one can question whether or not he is a political prisoner. and certainly no one can question whether or not Bobby Seale is a political prisoner. He was very active in organizing demonstrations and protest against the war in Vietnam, and very active in organizing resistance to the oppression of Black people in the United States. And certainly the American soldiers who are held captive in Vietnam, are victims of the vicious political system in the United States. Which drafts them against their will, and forces them with the alternative of going to prison, if they don't go to Vietnam to fight for the fascist, and imperialistic U.S. government.

So I think that it's a very healthy sign that we are able to get the cooperation of the Vietnamese people in this effort, and it's very good that we are in position to work with them on this level. I've found the Vietnamese people and I've talked to them in many countries, their representatives. I've found them to be very warm and humane people whose primary concern is in communicating with the American people, over the head or beyond the head of the American government. They want to make it known that they're interested in stopping the slaughter of their people, and they have no interest in perpetuating these hostilities. It's only the United States government that has an interest in perpetuating the slaughter that's going on in Vietnam.

So I think that the purposed prisoner exchange serves to expose the United States government, because the government response to this purposal is predictable-- that they will probably try to ignore it. But I don't think that they will be able to ignore it, because it's a valid purposal, and certainly we would push it all the way; until they are forced to respond to it. Because Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale are political prisoners, and they come under the valid procedures that have been traditional in terms of exchange of prisoners. So I would like to see it done.

STATEMENT BY RENNIE DAVIS AND DAVE DELLINGER

We have been informed by the Black Panther Party of the possibility that American prisoners held in Vietnam will be released if the US government releases Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale from prison in this country. We stand ready to assist in this project in whatever way possible.

The Vietnamese people already have shown a deep internationalism and humanitarianism through several releases of American servicemen. These releases have been unilateral good-will gestures to the American people who oppose the war, and we have been pleased to aid in the procedures of release. The US government, however, has attempted to subvert or prevent these releases because they show the growing solidarity of the American and Vietnamese people.

After years of conducting a racist war of aggression, it is time for the American government to make a gesture of good will, itself, towards the Vietnamese and all the Third World people it oppresses. One such gesture would be the release of the two foremost prisoners of war held by the US inside our own borders: Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale. The Black Panther leaders are truly prisoners in the international struggle against imperialism. They are political prisoners with stature throughout the world.

We are convinced that if the US would allow the return of Huey and Bobby to the Black community inside this country, such a move could well be recognized and answered appropriately by the Vietnamese people. We are prepared to work towards this end immediately, under the guidance of the Black Panther Party and its Minister of Information, Eldridge Cleaver, who already has initiated positive discussions with the Vietnamese.

signed: Tom Hayden,
for Rennie Davis, Dave Dellinger



DAVID T. DELLINGER, 53,



RENNIE DAVIS, 29,

COMMUNIQUE

On Tuesday, October 21st, Rennie Davis and Dave Dellinger held a press conference in regards to the exchange of Americans who are prisoners of war in Vietnam for the freedom of Huey P. Newton, Minister of Defense of the Black Panther Party and Bobby Seale, Chairman of the Black Panther Party who are political prisoners in the United States.

They announced their willingness to return to Hanoi to discuss the above proposal.

The following day, the Chief of Staff of the Black Panther Party, David Hilliard, held a press conference in San Francisco, California to verify that Eldridge Cleaver, Minister of Information of the Black Panther Party had been indeed involved in discussions with the Vietnamese on the proposal.

All people interested in freedom for all Americans who are now prisoners of war in Vietnam, the right of political dissent, and freedom for political prisoners should make their support obvious and meaningful to an apathetic and callous government.

The government can no more ignore the well-being of American prisoners than they can ignore the people in the streets clamouring for peace.

The indifference of the United States government is the monster that gives validity to the need for the Black Panther Party's existence and the freedom of Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
BLACK PANTHER PARTY

FOR WORLD PEACE

The genocidal imperialist war of aggression in Vietnam is not separate and disconnected from the genocidal fascist war of repression now going on against Black people within the confines of the United States. The U.S. ruling class is the number one enemy of all oppressed peoples and to insure peace in America to ALL its people is to insure peace through-out the world for all the people. We know that as long as fascist wars of repression and imperialist wars of aggression are inflicted on any people anywhere there will be no peace.

IN THE NAME OF WORLD PEACE WE DEMAND:

In Vietnam:

1. The immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Vietnam.

2. The immediate end to all U.S. imperialist interventions in the internal affairs of Vietnam.

3. Restitution for the material destruction U.S. imperialism has criminally perpetrated against the soverign people of Vietnam.

4. That the U.S. imperialist ruling class pay a blood-debt before a revolutionary Tribunal for the vicious, sadistic, cruel and inhuman slaughter of the Vietnamese people.

In Babylon (America)

1. That the U.S. government drop the trumped-up "Conspiracy" charges against the "Conspiracy 8" and that Rennie Davis and Dave Dellinger be allowed to return to Hanoi, where they would be met by our Minister of Information, Eldridge Cleaver so that the three of them could discuss with the Vietnamese the freeing of Americans, now held prisoners of war, in exchange for the dropping of all charges against our Minister of Defense and Founder Huey P. Newton and our Chairman Bobby Seale. This proposed Freedom of Political PRISONERS in exchange for Prisoners of War could only be ignored by a government that has no concern for its poor, its peace-loving, its non-white, and its soldiers, and even less concern for PEACE.

2. Withdraw the troops (who occupy our communities like a foreign troop occupies territory). Replace the occupying army of the police with a public force of (Black) men who live in the community to maintain order and harmony; also station U.N. observers in the Black colony to observe and halt the police gestapo actions against Black people. PREVENT GENOCIDE AND RACIST EXTERMINATION; violating not only the U.N. Charter of Human Rights the lives and right to life and Peace of Black people.



The Revolt of "Portugese" Guinea

Basil Davidson

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The small jet bomber dived from around five thousand feet, its engine drilling like a big tropical fly. Two others came after it: FIATS of the type they make in West Germany, I think. They were about five miles away.

We stood at the edge of the little clump of trees that concealed our base, a dozen huts, a small dump of 75-mm. shells: watching. It was otherwise a quiet Monday morning. October 9, 1967.

Then a billowing wedge of black smoke fanned up from beyond the skyline fringe of coconut palms.

"Napalm," said Tran Hoai-Nam, who was standing beside me, a visitor like myself. His tone was of the bitter weariness that a doctor in a plague epidemic might use when identifying another victim: the kill-and-burn epidemic, the "Western" epidemic of our times. Tran is a veteran member of the Central Committee of the National Front for Liberation of South Viet-Nam: he has seen it all before, seen it many times.

Personally, I am a middle-aged European who's seen no warfare since 1945, and in 1945 they hadn't yet discovered napalm. Now in my turn, if at a distance of five miles, I get to know about napalm. One of the napalm canisters dropped that day makes a chance hit on our guerrillas, killing one man and badly splashing another. Next day I visit the casualty: a peasant volunteer called Tengbatu, aged 23, ethnic origin Balante, of the forest zone of "Portuguese" Guinea. He is bandaged from head to foot. "We'll save him, though," says the guerrilla doctor, an African of Bissau, the colonial capital, who goes by the guerrilla name of Jacques. "He'll be all right." Needless to say, Jacques was not trained as a doctor by the Portuguese. The Portuguese in Guinea trained no African doctors, not a single one in all the years they've been claiming to "civilise the Africans." Jacques finished his medical training in 1966: in Moscow.

The next day, too, I find another napalm canister dropped the day before that failed to explode. There's no shame about the people who make these devilish things. I photographed the canister. It is marked: FCM-1-55 NAPALM 300 KG - 350 L M/61. The particular NATO country which produced it and gave it to the Portuguese for the defence of civilisation can recognise its own. The United States? West Germany? In any case, the Portuguese didn't make it — any more than they made the bomber that dropped it.

All through last dry season — November until May — the Portuguese were busy defending civilisation in "Portuguese" Guinea by daily bombing and napalm-burning of villages in the forest, of clearings where the peasants grow rice, or of anti-aircraft posts established by the guerrillas. This bombing doesn't achieve much, but it's all the Portuguese have left to them. Although they have some 30 000 troops in this country (proportionately to the populations of Portugal and the United States, that would make an American army in Viet-Nam of about 600 000), they are bottled up, badly frightened, deprived of the military initiative, and reduced to defending their fortified garrisons and "strategic hamlets," their forts and their towns, against a guerrilla army which daily shows itself their superior.

This guerrilla success in the wilderness of distant West Africa represents more than a defeat for the Salazarist dictatorship in Portugal, and its allies in NATO. It stands firmly in 1968 as a leading edge of the African revolution of our times. It speaks for one of the most significant developments in the whole of Africa.

In physical terms, this territory is a very small one, less than one-third the size of Cuba and with fewer than one million inhabitants. It occupies a wedge of West African forest and grassland lying between the Republics of Guinea and Senegal. It has no great wealth of any kind (except the courage and humanity of its people), and the world had scarcely heard of it until a few years ago.



ON GUARD AGAINST "NATO CIVILIZATION" NAPALM AND DEATH FROM THE SKIES

The Portuguese sailors of long ago came to its coasts on missions of discovery and trade, just as they came to the coasts of Angola and Mozambique. Ninety years ago they set out to conquer it as part of the Western European imperialist "scramble for Africa." They had a great deal of difficulty in conquering it, in spite of its small size. Anti-colonial resistance continued here for nearly fifty years.

But once the conquest was complete — more or less at the same time as the Portuguese generals were fastening their fascist dictatorship on Portugal at the end of the 1920s — a dismal silence settled on the territory. It "passed out of history." As elsewhere, the colonial conquest might mean profits for businessmen in Europe: for the colonised peoples it meant more or less total deprivation. Here the onward movement of world history was allowed to find no echo. Modern science, modern schools, modern health services, modern ways of life and government: all these were absent here. After eighty years of their "civilising mission" the Portuguese in Guinea had produced the magnificent result of training exactly ELEVEN African university graduates.

A common situation? Nothing new in that? No doubt. But what makes the situation in "Portuguese" Guinea today most uncommon, most decidedly new, and of an importance for African history out of all proportion to the country's small size, is the way the people of this country have replied to their colonial subjection. Theirs is an epic which may deserve the admiration of the whole progressive world.

For the Africans of this territory have not only undertaken a revolt. They have also undertaken a revolution. Like others whom they admire and feel close to — like the Cubans, like the Vietnamese — they do not think it worth fighting **simply** to get rid of imperialism. They think it worth fighting, above all, in order to open the road to an entirely new life, a modern life, a decent life. They are for national liberation, but they believe that national liberation can mean very little unless it also means revolution.

Here is the bare record.

In 1956 the movement of national liberation of "Portuguese" Guinea and the neighbouring Cape Verde Islands was founded in Bissau with a handful of members, and in deep secrecy from the Portuguese.

For three years this little clandestine group worked away doggedly at winning volunteers for the struggle. The movement gradually took shape as a revolutionary party, the PAIGC (Partido Africano pela Independencia da Guiné e Cabo Verde).

In 1959 the spark was set to the fuel they had prepared by a brutal Portuguese repression of a strike of dock workers in Bissau harbour.

Under the leadership of Amilcar Cabral, an African of the territory, the PAIGC met in secret and decided to prepare for armed revolt as the only possible means of advancing the cause of national liberation.

There followed three more years of political preparation. Members of the PAIGC went from village to village in the forest country, seeking peasant support and gradually winning it. They laid the ground for a guerrilla war that was to be waged in the forest and the grasslands. After 1962, a year of bitter Portuguese repression by troops and police, volunteers flocked to the PAIGC. The armed struggle began.

It began with small raids and ambushes. It continued with bigger raids. Peasant soldiers gained experience, commanders learned their job. Commissars appointed by the PAIGC, itself an intimate and central part of the struggle, indistinguishable from the guerrilla units now taking shape, saw to it that political and military activities should be two inseparable facets of the same organisation.

The Portuguese, as you would expect, replied with still harsher repression. In 1961 they had about 1000 soldiers in the territory; by 1965 they had 20 000; today they have more than 30 000. But Portuguese military tactics were static and old-fashioned, the fruit of academic lessons; Portuguese policies were quite unable to adjust to the new situation caused by the revolt; Portuguese morale could never achieve the fierce courage of the guerrillas who were fighting for their country, for their freedom, for their future. Gradually, the Portuguese were forced on the defensive. Little by little, painfully, learning as they went along, the soldiers of liberation forced their enemy back into fixed positions and heavily fortified towns.

Early in 1968 the position in "Portuguese" Guinea was as follows. The Portuguese held the towns and some forty or fifty besieged garrisons in the countryside. The PAIGC — now with a regular army of several thousand men who have gone over to mobile warfare while maintaining many local guerrilla units based on villages — possessed more or less complete control of more than half the whole rural area and were active in the other half. Their star was rising, their strength was growing with every new success.

But the PAIGC, meanwhile, has not forgotten its revolutionary aims. It believes in building the party as you fight and in building the army as you fight. In practical terms, this last objective has three immediate aspects in 1968: (1) to build in the liberated areas an entirely new political and social structure based on democratically formed and operated village committees of the PAIGC; (2) to erect at the same time at least the beginnings of an independent economic system, especially in terms of raising productivity, improving farming techniques, and supplying an independent marketing system; and (3) to start schools, clinics, and other social services which the people have not had before.

OPEN LETTER TO THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY

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Attention: Mrs. Kathleen Cleaver,
Communications Secretary

Dear Mrs. Cleaver:

I am a white resident of the Brownsville area of the Borough of Brooklyn, New York City, where, as you may know, your organization has a Branch and sells your paper, "The Black Panther."

I am writing you this letter because I have just finished reading the October 11, 1969 copy of "The Black Panther", in which I was astonished to find an article entitled "Fat'h Speaks to Africa" which gives the impression that the Jews of Israel have treated the Arabs who fled from Israel the way that the Nazis of Germany treated the Jews.

I say "astonished" because your 10 Points on page 18 gives the impression that your Party is fighting for justice for the Black people in particular, and, ultimately, for justice for all human beings everywhere.

If you really stand for justice, how can you support and spread the ideas of the "Fat'h" and the "Fedayeen", who stand for reactionary governments who have oppressed their people, the Arabs of the nations surrounding Israel, for a long time and, in some cases, for centuries?

The "Fat'h and the "Fedayeen" claim to be fighting for the Arab people who fled from Israel, who, so they say, were robbed of their rights and their lands by the Jews and forced to flee to their fellow Arabs over the borders of Israel. But the same Arab countries to which the Arab refugees fled do little or nothing to raise the standards of living, or the living conditions, of the people they claim to be fighting for. The refugees from Israel are still living in bad surroundings, under bad conditions, and are offered no assistance to find new places to live in the Arab countries themselves. Israel is a very small country, surrounded by large Arab countries with plenty of land: yet the Arab countries do nothing to resettle the Arab refugees on Arab land among Arab neighbors, but rather arouse the refugees to think only of throwing the Jews out of Israel and taking over the land there.

The real reason for the efforts of the "Fat'h" and the "Fedayeen" is that their governments fear the example of Israel as a truly democratic country, whose efforts could inspire the downtrodden Arab people to overthrow their rotten governments which are so corrupt and inefficient that they spend huge sums on armaments against Israel while allowing their own people to live in misery. How could one small country like Israel stand up to and defeat so many large Arab enemy countries, if it were not for the fact that the governments of the Arab countries are corrupt and unloved by their own people, in addition to fighting an unjust war against Israel?

There are many lies in the "Fat'h message:

(1) That they are "fighting for life and liberty."

(2) That Herzl, Ben Gurion and Dayan in Palestine did there what Rhodes, Verwoerd and Ian Smith did in Africa.

(3) That "the same circumstances which created the white regimes in Rhodesia and South Africa created the State of Zionism in Palestine."

(4) That the Israelis are racists.

(5) That Israel is a "new face" for neo-colonialism in Africa.

(6) That the story of the Arabs in Palestine is the same as the story of the Negroes in Africa

One need only study the history of Palestine through the ages, and the Bible, as well as the history of Palestine and of Israel in the late 19th century and the present 20th century, to know finally that the "Fat'h" message is only propaganda for agents and puppets of reaction and oppression.

In addition, your Editor and Minister of Information, Eldridge Cleaver, says in his interview on page 11 and elsewhere that the Black Panther "...always did relate to Marxism-Leninism...", and this, together with the Paper's use of such phrases as "ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE" and the word, "revolution", and friendly references to the various Communist countries and quotations from Ho Chi Minh indicate that your Party leans strongly toward Communism of the Marxist-Leninist variety.

If the latter impression is correct, then it appears that the Black Panther Party is in danger of being or becoming an agent or puppet of the Communist movement of the world, and thereby in danger of becoming an enemy of the Negro people and of all the people of the U.S.A. This is so because the Communist movement of the world has become an oppressive and exploitative force enslaving the people of the world in the name of freeing or saving them. One need only study the history of the Soviet Union's relations with Hungary, with Poland, with the other East-European countries of the area in question, and especially with Czechoslovakia, to see that the Soviet Union is for the Soviet Union, first, foremost and always, no matter who may be hurt in any doubtful efforts thus motivated.

No, Mrs. Cleaver, anti-Zionism and Marxist-Leninist Communism are not for the Black Panther Party, if the Black Panther Party wishes to be recognized and respected by the Negro people in particular and all of the people of America in general. The quest for justice will not be successful if those who seek justice tie themselves to catch-all ideologies making imperialist and oppressive interests.

Finally, it is important to note that the anti-Zionism of the Soviet Union and various other Communist states is based upon the fact that the Arab countries control huge deposits of oil (oil still being the most important commodity necessary for waging mechanized warfare successfully) and upon the fact that the undemocratic regimes controlling the Arab countries that control so much oil are anti-Zionist. There can be no other reason for Communist anti-Zionism, since Zionism itself is basically a belief staunchly fighting for the under-dog, the Jews having been the most oppressed under-dogs of the world for over 2,000 years, and Communism, in its beginnings over 100 years ago as the movement of "scientific socialism", having been a movement also fighting for the under-dog, and inspired by many things in the Bible, itself the work of the Jews, the People of The Book.

The Communists of the world-that is, those who are truly sincere seekers after truth and justice--follow the same ideal of the Golden Rule as do the sincere seekers after truth and justice among the Capitalists or among any other political-economic-religious groupings. The sincere Communist, Capitalist, etc. seeks neither to exploit nor to be exploited.

And we must also bear in mind that the Golden Rule does not mean the rule of gold or money, but rather the rule of the highest and most precious ideals and virtues (love for truth and justice and loving kindness) bearing the same relationship to all the other virtues that gold was held to bear to all the other metals.

Therefore, Mrs. Cleaver, to end this already over-long letter, let me make the following proposition of challenge:

Covince me of the correctness of the "Fat'h Speaks to Africa" message at least in the points I have listed on the top of page 2, and convince me of Mr. Eldridge Cleaver's correctness in relating the Black Panther Party to Marxism-Leninism, and I will subscribe to your paper, "Black Panther Newspaper" and do what I can to promote your ideas, Party, etc. everywhere.

Should I convince you, however, of the correctness of my views as I have expressed them here in this letter on the "Fat'h, Marxism-Leninism, anti-Zionism and Communism, please send me a free subscription to your newspaper, and, do what you can to combat the errors I have pointed out in the issue I have just read.

Very truly yours,
Samuel Bernstein



"OUR ACTIONS ARE OF TWO TYPES: COMMANDOS AND GUERRILLAS."



REPLY TO SAMUEL BERNSTEIN'S LETTER

The Black Panther Party supports Fat'h and the Palestinian people in regaining their occupied territory on the principles that all people and that imperialism headed by U.S. imperialism along with imperialism's flunkey's and bootlickers the Zionist state of Israel, the Pak Jung Hi regime of South Korea, the Thu regime of South Vietnam, Ron Everett's (Karenga) US organization etc., must be smashed wherever it (imperialism) and they (flunkeys and bootlickers) are found.

We not only say that what the Zionist state of Israel is doing to the Palestinian people can be equated to what the Nazis of Germany did to the Jews, we also equate this to what the American "pioneers" did to the Indians.

Also the just struggle for self-determination of the Palestinian people can't be separated from the struggle against those Arab regimes that could be classified as reactionary examples, we support the recent uprising of the Arab people against the bootlickers in Lebanon. It's not a question of either or in this case. We relate to the principle of "juche" (self-reliance), as laid down by Comrade Kim Il Sung and the Workers Party of the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea. If the Palestinian people want self-determination and an end to the usurpation of their territory by the Zionist state of Israel we support and encourage that. We would also support and encourage the people of Lebanon to deal with that situation. But we aren't fools. We know who and what the main enemy is, the struggle in the Arab world at this time is centered around the struggle of the Palestinian people and the Arab world against the Zionist state of Israel. For the Black Panther Party to condemn that just struggle of the Palestinian people and attack only those Arab countries that are reactionary would be like those white racist and booklicking niggers that say Black people in Babylon are better off for having been stolen from Africa and want to direct their attack against those misguided Africans that acted as agents for the slavemaster. We would loose our revolutionary status if we did not draw clear lines of demarcation between real friends and real enemies.

When you say Fat'h fears the example of Israel as a truly democratic country, this either indicates the lack of your ability to be objective or it points out that you have consumed a considerable amount of mis-information in the form of Zionist propaganda. Not only is Israel fascist, it is racist even against Jews in Israel that are non-European. I also should point out that Israel has won some battles but it has not defeated any countries The Zionist can't even supress the liberation struggle of the Palestinian people that live within the territory occupied by Zionist, fascist troops.

For informationial purposes the ideology of the Black Panther Party is the historical experiences of niggers in Babylon interpreted through Marxisn-Leninism. Also turn to the rear of this paper and all other issues of the Black Community Newspapers and you will see our 10 Point Platform and Program of What We Want and What We Believe. Panthers all across Babylon are being murdered, brutalized and thrown into jails and prisons on trumped up charges as political prisoners defending our program. If the 10 point program were realized, it definitely would put an end to the decadant conditions Black people are subjected to. So whatever we are labeled on the basis of what we want and what we believe is what Black people need.

We will continue to use Marxist-Leninist principles to guide us in our struggle against the decadant conditions we are subjected to here in Babylon. We will also continue to draw lines of demarcation between real friends and real enemies and will continue our struggle against narrow one-sided nationalism such as cultural "pork chop" nationalism in our Black communities and Zionist "kosher nationalism" in Israel.

You are correct in one thing the Arab world does have large deposits of oil. The Persian gulf area produces 30% of the world's petroleum and has proved global reserves of 60%. Imperialism controls 90% of the middle east oil. The U.S. controls 60% while Britain controls 30%. With the exploitative wages paid and the low cost of production hugh profits are made for U.S. and British imperialism. The profits on mid-east oil have reached 85% there is no other investment any where that offers U.S. and British imperialism such phenomenal returns as does middle east oil. Because of the oil resources in the middle east imperialism headed by U.S. imperialism supports the Zionist state of Israel along with its fascist expansionist edeology.

As Fat'h and the Palestinian people deal a blow to U.S. imperialism in Israel so must all oppressed and exploited people of the world. And as the appendages (fingers, hands, arms, legs etc.) of imperialism are torn off by the just people's struggles of Africa, Asia and Litin America, the Black Panther Party and Black people in Babylon will be steadly chopping at the heart of imperialism right here in fascist Babylon.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!



POWER TO THE PEOPLE - IN ART

by John Weber

The idea of doing a mural was conceived as part of the summer youth program at St. Dominic's Church, Locust and Sedgwick. It was also part of the effort to beautify the yard, once filled with debris and weeds, to turn it into a pleasant, clean space for the use of the neighborhood.

Early in the summer the lot was cleared, a cement playing court made and grass sod laid. We began thinking about the wall. There were also about a dozen boarded-up windows to be painted. The initial discussions involved myself, Kenneth Webster (an art major at St. Michael's High School), Cleo and Sheila Delk, and Phillip Savage.

At first people were very slow about suggestions: "Anything is all right with me" was the refrain. But as soon as the ice was broken, Black Power was immediately agreed upon as the theme. After a good deal of discussion around the idea of a realistic portrayal of ghetto life, a more symbolic portrayal of the black liberation struggle was chosen.

Juan Snowden suggested portraits of black heroes. This idea was accepted right away. There was, curiously, no hesitation about the choice --Malcolm X, Frederick Douglass and Huey P. Newton. Later, Erika Huggins was added. I presented a design proposal, which was modified by Kenney. The content of the mural was entirely based on the ideas of the young people at St. Dominic's.

The teenagers and children of the neighborhood accepted the mural enthusiastically, following its progress day by day. As the work proceeded, more and more of them asked to participate in its execution and they did. In the groups watching the painters, older children often would explain the symbols and the heroes to their younger brothers and sisters- pointing out the police (pigs), the black heroes, and reading the "All Power to the People" slogan. Huey Newton was recognized less often by name- usually just as a Black Panther. Being a Panther was impressive enough.



THE PEOPLE ARE THE REAL ARTISTS

The overall size of the mural is 5'8" by 37'. Before painting we had to reface the old wall with new sand cement for a smoother surface and put fresh boards on the windows. We used vinyl acrylic latex paint with a weather proofing additive. Nevertheless, the mural is unlikely to last as long as five years in the highly acidic polluted air of Chicago, not to mention other wear and tear. The materials were supplied by the church and throughout the project we received support (and occasional criticism) from the church staff. Brother Joakim in **particular gave his enthusiastic** support from the beginning and gave us several helpful suggestions.

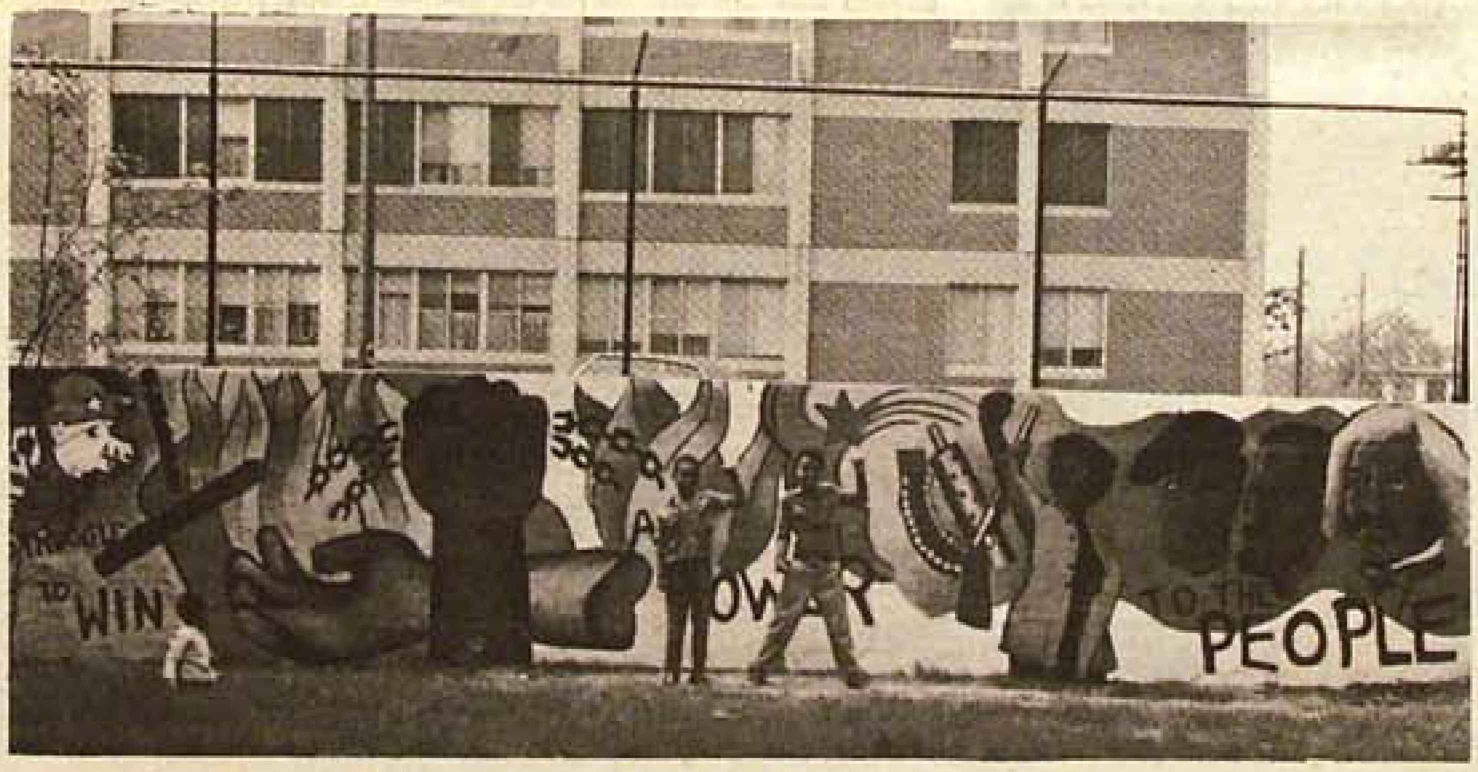
The project took all summer, working two days per week. The windows were painted by teams of younger children during the last week. Kenneth Webster and myself were the only ones who worked on the project from beginnning to end. The supervision of the younger painters mainly fell to me, while the portraits are entirely by Kenney. Others came and went- some painted for only one or two days. I don't believe the project suffered at all **from the constant change in the** participants. On the contrary, as a result, many neighborhood children can point with pride to some section of the mural or to a window, saying, "I did that, it's the best part." Almost without exception the youngsters quickly learned to handle the brushes and paints well. They showed patience, diligence, and great pride in good workmanship. Several, especially in working on the windows, showed genuine talent for design and a flair for color composition. They are rarely given a chance to develop these talents in the public schools.

I cannot remember all of the names of those who painted or helped prepare the surface. There were over 25 different participants. Among the cementers and window boarders were Phillip Savage, Carl Miller, Fred Barr, Kenney, Jeffrey and Ralph Childs, James Hammond and Percy Moss. Among the painters were Skip James, Darryl Howell, Tony and Alberto Cruz, Dino Edwards, Wayman Childs and Patricia Ridge.

I believe the project was significant beyond its obvious value in giving the residents of the neighborhood an artistic representation of their own struggles and in giving a number of young people some enjoyable afternoons and their first chance to participate in making a real work of art. It showed that it is not only possible but easy to involve inexperienced teenagers and subteens in a large scale collective art project. Secondly, public art is rare in today's America and political art is even rarer. Collective art also runs against the grain in our "every man for himself" society. Every such project is significant for this reason alone.

Art with overt political or social themes is suppressed by the white upper-middle class control of art patronage, by the dominance of commerical art in society as a whole, and by a conspiracy of silence. It has also been hurt among artists by the old, completely false idea that so-called "social realism" is the one style of art which is compatible with social revolutionary themes. But if the connoisseurs disdain "propaganda" art, the youth of the Cabrini Green area accepts this work, modernist, symbolic, and, I hope, fairly high quality, because it expresses their concerns, their own ideas.

In conclusion, Kenney says, "It is about the best thing I ever completed and found myself liking." For me, it opened new perspectives. Art for the people and by the people. Right on.



PEOPLE'S WAR--PEOPLE'S ART

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EMORY: ART & REVOLUTION

INTERVIEW FROM SAN FRANCISCO GUARDSMAN

By Marc Kovacs

Most Advertising Art majors that graduate from City College of San Francisco go into advertising.

Emory Douglas is an exception. He became a revolutionary. A Black Panther. An artist.

Douglas joined the Black Panther newspaper after leaving City College in 1963. His first drawing appeared in issue number three. 185 editions later he is still at it.

Last Friday, in an exclusive interview with The Guardsman, "Emory" — as he prefers to be called — rapped about his City College background, his work, and to be sure, revolution.

"City College did not mold my ideals," he revealed. "It only molded my technique."

Had the technical training he received here been an asset? Emory didn't think so.

"Commercial Art courses," he said, "are part of the Capitalistic system."

Certain products, he believes, appeal to a certain class of people. And Emory doesn't want to play that game.

"I want art that relates to the community," he asserted, "art that becomes a living part of the people." And in order to produce this kind of work the artist must go out to the streets—not stay in the classroom.

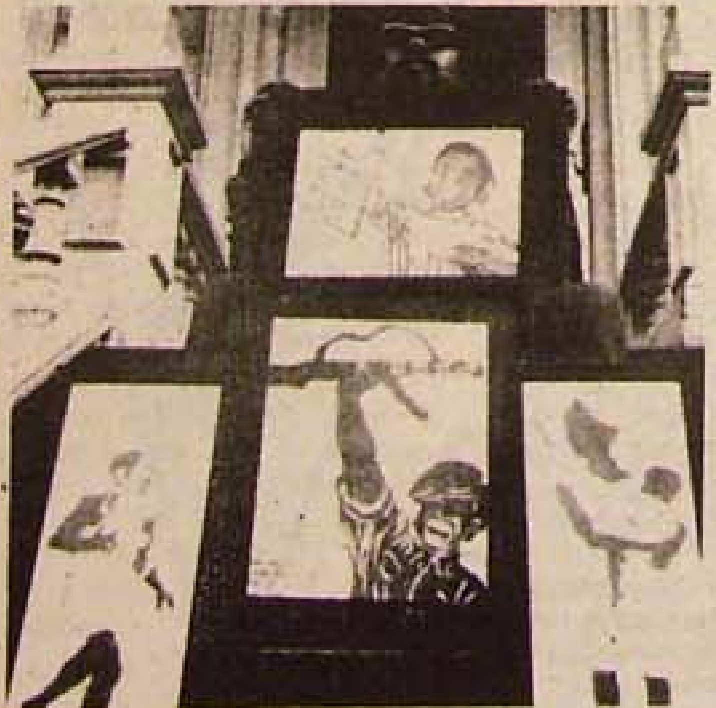
Emory went into the streets. And today his work is recognized all over the planet: One exhibition is scheduled for Los Angeles later this month; last summer 50,000 prints of his work were distributed, free of charge, to visitors to the First Pan-African Festival in Algiers.

His latest project is a larger-than-life size portrait of Eldridge Cleaver. Ironically, Emory is working on this in Cleaver's Fillmore District House, using photographs of the exiled Minister of Information as a model.

All of Douglas' illustrations are controversial. His best-known innovation is the policeman with a pig's head. Just as striking are Emory's drawings of black men, women and children wielding rifles.

Why is Emory Douglas a revolutionary? What does he want?

Emory's answer, like his work, is amazingly clear: "We want to be able to determine the destiny of our own people. We want to control the police in our communities. We want art for the masses."



Emory Douglas and four of his drawings.



The artist's studio.



SOLDIERS SUIT HEARD AGAINST ARMY IN FEDERAL COURTS

Prosecution attorneys said that they were pleased with the proceedings yesterday before Chief JudgeDonald Russell in theFederal Courthouse in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Attorney David Rein of Washington, D C. argued for the plaintiffs, ten Ft. Jackson GIs, who filed their suit last April 1 against the Commanding General of Ft. Jackson, Gen. Hollingsworth, and Secretary of the Army Stanley Resor. The suit seeks a declaratory judgment from the court that GIs, as citizens, have constitutional rights. Rein, along with attorneys Leonard Boudin of New York, Howard Moore of Atlanta, and Thomas Broadwater of Colombia, South Carolina, brought the suit to court in conjunction with the GI Civil Liberties Defense Committee.

The court could rule on several technical points raised in the defendants' motion to dismiss or it could rule on the merits of the case, that is, the constitutional rights of soldiers. Counsel for the defendants, the Secretary of the Army and the Commanding General of Ft. Jackson, raised several technical points. They asked for dismissal on the grounds that all the plaintiffs have been discharged or transferred from Ft. Jackson, and that when people cannot be injured, they have no standing to sue. They argued that federal court does not have jurisdiction to rule over Army matters regarding discipline and morale; thirdly they argued that the GIs did not try to do all they could while at Ft. Jackson, such as going up the chain of command to request their demands.

The main thrust of the defense, however, was that in the Army "...there can be no free interplay of ideas or vigorous championing of minority views." "While the ordinary citizen can condemn (the war) (and refuse to support it), the soldier has no such option." Defense characterized the March 20 spontaneous meeting of GIs United, at which the war was discussed as "plain mutiny, not exercise of freedom of speech," and also as seditious.

Chief Judge Russell stated that he saw his problem as that given the requirements of morale and discipline in the Army how can the court find a formula for the exercise of free speech? In other words he apparently recognized the jurisdiction of his court in dealing with the issue of constitutional rights in the Army. Prosecuting Attorney David Rein attacked the technical points raised by the government attorneys and then made a plea for soldiers' rights. On the question of there no longer being plaintiffs at Ft. Jackson, Rein argued that the action against the government was a class action and potentially affected all soldiers. He argued that GIs at Ft. Jackson had in fact gone up the chain of command to request their rights and had been rebuffed and ridiculed by superior officers; he further argued on this point that this form of "administrative remedy is ephemeral," there being no set procedure available. Rein said that the standards of discipline and morale in the Army are not set, and that determination of those standards is part of a part of a whole new area of law now being explored. He said that you cannot leave determination of the standards up to the Army because the characterization of the March 20 meeting as mutiny - when no one was arrested at that meeting and those arrested the next day all had their charges dropped - was proof that the Army could not be relied upon to judge reasonably on the question of discipline and morale.

The main argument of the prosecution was that recognizing the fact that there are some limitations of constitutional rights in the Army, the court should rule that GIs do have the right of free speech, including the right tospeak out against the war at an open legal on-post meeting. GIs United Against the War in Vietnam petitioned the Commanding General at Ft. Jackson for such a meeting.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiffs will have an Army-wide effect on dissent. The court's decision will probably not be known for several weeks. A similar suit was filed by 18 members of GIs United Against the War in Vietnam at Ft. Bragg. That suit will be heard within the month before Chief Judge Butler in North Carolina federal court.

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PRESS RELEASE

35 G.I.'s were arrested while holding an American Servicemen's Union meeting at Fort Lewis. The men are now confined to their company areas. Some of the men are allowed to perform normal work. Some must report to a superior every hour and at least one has a personal guard who even goes to the bathroom with him. None of the men are allowed to go away from the limited company area or to spend normal off-duty hours off base.

All of the men reported repeated questioning. Most say they are subject to a combination of threats and "friendly persuasion". Some have been asked to sign statements or make statements naming right-leaders, etc. Though many of the men are being severely harassed none of them, as far as we know, have signed any statements.

An attorney, James Vonasch, who was arrested with the men, says of the events, "The group was gathered to discuss enlisted men's grievances, the organization of a servicemen's union and the continued printing of their newspaper "Fed Up".Nothing illegal was said or done in my opinion. The army ordered the meeting broken up for harassment purposes only. They had no specific charge in mind when the arrests were made and still don't as far as I can tell. The soldiers involved were detained behind bars from 3 to 6 hours without any advice of their rights and are still restricted to their company areas. They are still being harassed with questions in an attempt to find something to charge them with. The question here is whether the army has the right to tell G.I.'s they have no right to discuss their rights and grievances."

Some of the men are members of the American Servicemen's Union, some are conscientious objectors to all war, some object specifically to the war in Vietnam, and some came simply to listen. One of the members of the American Servicemen's Union Bruce Frederick ,said, in a statement passed out in his company: "We were arrested because the army doesn't like its prisoners speaking out against the war or against the army.....I don't want our group called "the Fort Lewis 36," because we are fighting for the Fort Lewis 40,000 and everyone else in the service."

After the men were arrested, they continued their meeting in jail cells. They discussed further issues of their paper "Fed Up" and the possibilities of demonstrations near army posts during the December moratorium days. In jail they showed great spirit and solidarity. Now that they are deliberately isolated and harassed by the army, they continue to stick together and express the wish to keep up their activities.

To our brothers and sisters of the Black Panther Party, the Shelter Half, a very non-profit G.I. coffee house, has been incurring all the expenses for rallying defense for these guys. We have been asking other papers to put in a plea for money but knowing of your problems in raising cash for the Party we leave it to your judgement.

Checks for aid should be made out to:
American Serviceman's Union
Meeting Defense Fund
Box 244, Tacoma, Wash. 98409

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!
Katie Mitchell
for The Shelter Half and
ASU Meeting Defense Fund

BLACK ASU MEMBER IN FORT FT. DIX STOCKADE

Ft. Dix, N.J., Oct. 11--Charles Shannon, an Afro-American GI and an organizer for the American Servicemen's Union has been sent to the Ft. Dix stockade after being questioned by military intelligence agents at that base. Shannon's imprisonment came directly following a massive distribution of ASU and Black liberation literature to the four hundred GI's in the Special Processing detachment where Shannon was stationed.

38, the GI's who tried for a riot following a rebellion at the Ft. Dix Stockade on June 5th of this year. Shannon was acquitted at the trial on the charge that he was one of the leaders of the revolt, and was released from the stockade on September 19. Three other members of the American Servicemen's Union, Terry Klug, Bill Brakefield, and Jeffrey Russell still will go to trial with a fourth GI, Thomas Catlow, on the riot charges. The men could get over forty years in jail.

POLITICAL PRISONER — NUMBER?



BOB REICKER, CENTER, ONE OF THE FT. HOOD 43

Kileen, Tex. (LNS) -- Richard Chase is set to go on trial soon before a court martial at Fort Hood, Tex. A private in Headquarters Company 1-66, 2nd Armored Division, he is charged with refusing riot control duty.

A year ago, during the Democratic Convention, 43 Black GIs at Fort Hood refused riot duty in Chicago. Now, when most of them have completed their sentences, and the Fort Hood 43 have become a part of movement history, Pvt. Chase faces similar charges.

The new defendant differs from the 43 in that he is White. But is seems doubtful that the Army will treat him more gently because of that.

In fact, Chase, who had been given a desk job in lieu of a C O. because of his refusal to serve in Vietnam, was ordered to take part in riot duty because the brass knew he would refuse.

When threatened, the brass suddenly loses its highly refined sense of color. Support for GIs who refuse to take part in racist repression must be equally solid.

BROTHERS & SISTERS

I am a political prisoner! I am not allowed to speak my thoughts. I am not allowed to desire peace in a war torn, hate-filled world. I am a member of the "United States"(?) Army. I am stationed at Hunter Liggett Military Reservation and a "member" of CDCEC. Which stands for the Combat Development Command Experimentation Command better known as the Claymores for Christ Group. Here the government pigs test new devices inthe annihilation and extermination of "unwanted" populations. In places like this one napalm and M-16's were first tested for use. Their newest bag is computerized killing. Mindless machines that can wipe out countless thousands at the press of a button.

The facilities here make Viet Nam look like the Frisco Hilton. The prisoners are forced to live in 6 man hoockes with only screens to keep out the cold. In order to remain clean one must walk about 75 meters to the shower which has cold water most of the time. Here we are exposed to poisonous tarantulas of all sizes, extreme heat and severe cold and wet weather. The food tastes as if it died of natural causes. And in some areas I've seen out here the conditions are even worse.

My reason for writing you this letter is to inform the outside world of how these fascist b--tards can really f--k over innocent people.

There is supposed to be a peace demonstration today at Ft. Ord. Troops have been called in to Monterey in an attempt to "quell subversive disturbances" (Mayor Daley would be truly proud). We were herded into ranks to be informed that Army regulations forbid a "peace keeping" force from demonstrating for peace or demonstrating at all for that matter, regardless of reason. The penalty for freedom of expression, in a government pig sty is imprisonment (hard labor at Leavenworth) an Article 15 (forfiture of pay and slave labor) or a "bad conduct" discharge (Sams way of f---ing over you, after you're "set free") And the world will be better for this???

I would like for this to be an open letter to the Afro American people informing them of this bulls--t!

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

SEIZE THE TIME

RIOT TRIALS AT FORT DIX



FOUR OF THE FORT DIX 38, LEFT TO RIGHT: TOM CATLOW, TERRY KLUG, JEFF RUSSELL AND BILL BREAKFIED

General court martials growing out of the Fort Dix stockade riot are getting under way after almost five months delay. The first trial, that of Jefirey Russell, is scheduled to begin either October 31st or November 3rd.

Jeffrey Russell faces charges of arson, riot, conspiracy and solicitation stemming from a riot on June 5th in the post stockade; a riot in which no one was injured and the participants sought to call attention to, and change the inhuman conditions under which stockade prisoners live. If convicted he faces a possible sentence of 60 years in prison. It was learned today that a group from Columbia University is planning to charter a bus for people interested in attending the trial and supporting Jeffrey and his fellow prisoners.

On October 14th, a pre-trial hearing was held in the case of U.S. vs. Russell. A number of motions were presented for dismissal of charges and to bar Russell's upcoming trial. All the motions made were denied. Among the motions presented was a motion to bar the trial because of prior punishment inflicted on the accused in the stockade. On June 6th, Russell was subjected to both harassment and solicitation by Army Criminal Investigation Agents to commit perjury by falsely informing on his fellow prisoners. From June 7th to June 9th, he was held in disciplinary segregation without charges, solely because of his reputation. Disciplinary segregation is the most severe form of solitary confinement. Since June 9th, Russell has been held in administrative segregation, which includes having his bed stripped of the mattress 16 hours a day, and being forced either to sit on the springs or floor, or stand, and with the denial of the right to attend religious movies or other privileges.

Since June 5th, he has been attacked twice by guards, with the acquiescence of administrative officers. One of these attacks occurred while Russell's hands were shackled behind his back. Contrary to regulations, his outgoing mail has been read, and some of it has been improperly returned to him. Incoming mail of a privileged nature (eg., attorney's communications) has been read, and for a period of time he had been denied the right to communicate with an attorney. Visiting rights of a friend of his have been taken away from him. His wife, Kathy, has been harassed and humiliated repeatedly, both on the post and at the stockade, and her visiting rights have been severely infringed. Russell has been denied the solace of his religion as a Buddhist and has been denied consultation with a Buddhist priest or Lama. He was not even allowed to participate in the only religious services available in the stockade-those of the Protestant and Catholic faiths.

The incidents described in this motion are not isolated incidents of brutality and indifference occurring in one stockade or one post, but part of a pattern of military intimidation and repression. The significance of the trials of Jeffrey Russell and others at Fort Dix lie in the extent to which these point out the oppressive nature of the military and the stockade system.

On October 21st, at the pre-trial hearing of Terry Klug the charge of conspiracy (carrying a ten year sentence) was dropped. This, on the basis of multiplicity, sets precedent for dropping the conspiracy charges against the rest of the defendents. Of the original 38 arrested in the aftermath of the riot only five are still being held on more serious charges.

Two of the prisoners, William Brakefield and Jeffery Russell are being defended by WDL attorney Rowland Watts and a WDL special legal military committee. Both men are conscientious objectors, refusing to participate in an "illegal and unjust war." In October, 1968, prior to being committed to the stockade, Brakefield sought sanctuary at City College.

The remaining three (Carlos Rodriguez, Terry Klug and Thomas Catlow) are being defended by Henry DeSuvero of the National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee and Fred Cohn of the Law Commune. The five prisoners facing general court martials are felt by the army to be the most militant in the struggle for G.I rights.

Last week a variety of concerned organizations held a demonstration at Fort Dix to focus attention on the plight of these men and the other stockade prisoners. The 5,000 demonstrators were met with fixed bayonets and tear gas. They were driven off the post. Like the prisoners in the stockade, the demonstrators see the military machine as the oppressor rather than the individual G.I.'s. Many G.I.'s responded favorably to the demonstrators.

SUPPORT OUR BROS. IN THE POUND

We, as American citizens, soldiers, and human beings, find that our collective conscience will no longer allow us to remain silent in the face of the atrocities that are not of our choice and doing. Therefore, as a group, a total body, a movement, we make the following demands on the United States Army, the government of the United States, and the citizens of the United States of America:

1. As to the incident of the stockade revolt at Fort Dix on June 5th, 1969, which has led to the charging of some 38 Americans, we demand that ALL CHARGES ARISING FROM THE REVOLT BE DROPPED IMMEDIATELY. We believe in the innocence of these 38 Americans because:

a. These 38 Americans have been impressed into an Army fighting an imperialist war in the Republic of Vietnam along with thousands of other Americans, a war which means the attempted takeover of one country's wealth, economy, and government by another country.

b. These men have but revolted against this oppression and the inhumane conditions of the stockade created by this oppression. The crime is not theirs, but that of the oppressor.

2. We demand THE IMMEDIATE ABOLISHMENT OF THE STOCKADE SYSTEM WITHIN THE MILITARY! We find the stockade is used to impose fear and intimidation among all enlisted men. The stockade system preserves and serves only the illegitimate authority of the military.

3. We demand THE FREEING OF HUEY NEWTON, THE NEW YORK PANTHER "21", THE PRESIDIO "27", AND ALL OTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS BEING HELD IN PENAL INSTITUTIONS BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY BECAUSE THEY ARE FIGHTING FOR THEIR BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS. We identify with and support the growing struggle for social justice in this nation and the world. The people who control this country do not represent the interests of the people of this country.

POWER TO ALL THE PEOPLE!

We design, write and sign this petition in accordance with our constitutionally granted rights as citizens of the United States of America.

REPRINTED FROM 'WE GOT THE BRASS'

ANDY STAPP, CHAIRMAN OF THE ASU TO ADDRESS UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

His Excellency, U Thant
Secretary-General
United Nations
New York, New York

Dear Sir,

On Thursday, September 18th, President of the United States of America Richard Nixon is scheduled to address the United Nations General Assembly. It is known that the Vietnam War, and particularly the state of U.S. prisoners currently in the custody of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, will be taken up in President Nixon's speech.

The American Servicemen's Union with chapters on over one hundred U.S. military reservations, represents the mass movement by rank and file enlisted men to the U.S. Army who are opposed to United States aggression against Vietnam. Thousands of U.S. servicemen have been jailed by the Nixon regime because these soldiers resisted this dirty war in one way or another. Many of these imprisoned men are members of the American Servicemen's Union.

Rebellions of GIs have shaken the imperialist U.S. Army again and again over the past year. Recently Black servicemen have revolted at American bases in Hawaii, North Carolina, and Vietnam itself. Another important revolt took place at the Ft. Dix stockade on June 5th, 1969. Many anti-war GIs face long prison terms arising out of these rebellions, just as many of the representatives of the oppressed Afro-American people are either facing jail or already are imprisoned.

The U.S. is waging an illegal war of imperialist aggression against Vietnam. Under the Constitution of the U.S. this war is illegal in absence of a Congressional declaration of war. All the GIs, airmen, marines, and sailors serving in Vietnam are there illegally. The American Servicemen's Union demands an immediate withdrawal of all U.S. aggressor troops from Southeast Asia and the freeing of all soldiers held in stockades for refusing to serve in this unjust war.

We earnestly entreat you to use your power as a Delegate to help us find a way to answer President Nixon at the UN. Equal time should be given on such controversial matters, especially the Vietnam war, where life and death is involved. We would also request that you take note of this memorandum in your reply to President Nixon's speech, and that you circulate this among the other Delegates so that they may better understand the position of our servicemen.



UNION BUSTING AT FT. JACKSON

FT. JACKSON, S.C., Sept. 10--Today American Servicemen's Union organizer Pvt. Maurice Wade reported a shakedown inspection of his company's barracks and harassment of ASU members at Ft. Jackson. The inspection was carried out under armed guard. Lockers were ripped open, and literature was confiscated, including the ASU newspaper The BOND, Felix Greene's book Vietnam, Vietnam, as well as other books on Southeast Asia.

Wade, who is stationed in E Company, 6th Battalion, 2nd Brigade at Ft. Jackson, said that "the interrogation of the men only made them angrier at the brass and the lifers, and stronger for the union". Wade was isolated from the other men by orders of the Company commander.

Bob Lemay, executive director of the American Servicemen's Union, said: "This attempt at harassment and intimidation is not uncommon to ASU locals, whom the brass recognize as the main threat to their continued privileges and the enlisted men recognize as the main hope to gain their rights. Just as the union-busting of Ford and GM failed, so will the union-busting attempts of the Army brass fail. We will provide organizer Wade with all the necessary material and legal assistance."



PHILLY PIGS TRY TO BLOCK BREAKFAST

The Black Panther Party of Philadelphia, has been in the process of trying to start another Breakfast Program in the South Philly area. We are usually delayed in our efforts to serve the people by lack of cooperation from the Negro churches and so called community organizations, but a new front has reared its ugly head, out right fascism.

We have been working with a group of brothers in and around the community of South Philly. There is a center at 8th and Snyder streets, called Houston Community Center. The director and the workers of the center have expressed a great desire to have a Breakfast Program there. The center is a large three story place which is not used to its full capacity. It is located in a neighborhood that used to be mostly Italian and a few Jews. Now that Black people have started moving in the area, the center is no longer used by the Italians and the director wants more community involvement for the Blacks.

When the Black Panther Party and friends of the Party, approached the director for starting the Breakfast Program, he was very excited about the idea and stated he would put it before the board of directors. Word got out that the Black Panther Party was going to be involved with the center and some reactionary fool pigs took it upon themselves to try and stop it. They passed out cards to the businessmen's association and to the community that we were "ultra-militants" and we would be teaching children to hate whitey and all sorts of madness. Attempting to discredit the Party and to keep the people in the community divided a little longer, the pig captain of the 4th district, Captain Cauker, took it a little further and wrote another letter to the people of the community, calling for them to rise up and stop these militant Blacks from taking over the center.

The point to bring forth here, is that he and these other cowardly fools are appealing to the racist and frightened people in the community. We know already, that the center is not used by the Italians and other ethnic groups except Blacks or Puerto Ricans, so the fascist just don't want anything that is good for poor oppressed people.

The attack upon the Black Panther Party is nothing new and we can deal with that, but for these fool buffoon pigs to attack indirectly the Free Breakfast Program for Children, which belongs to the people, this is something we can't permit. The community brothers and sisters have called for a meeting on October 23, 1969, to come forth and show support for the Breakfast Program and the director of the center. For the people and the people alone will be the decisive factor as to whether or not we will have a Breakfast Program.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!
Black Panther Party
Philadelphia, Branch



PHILLY BREAKFAST PROGRAM

SOCIALISM : SERVING THE PEOPLE

Meeting the needs an desires of the broad masses of people is the main concern of the Black Panther Party. We say, "ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!", - But many say this merely as a phrase, not as a truth, but the truth is that ALL power does lie in the hands of the people-not in the hands of a selected few. The Black Panther Party is out to educate the masses of people to the power, this tremendous power, that lies in their hands. But in order to make use of this power the people must first be united and organized. This is the task set before us, to organize the people and educate them to the proper use of this power. Once the people see what they can do in massive numbers, instead of a single entity (individual existence) then they will advance wave upon wave and completely destroy this greedy monster(capitalism), putting it on a starvation diet! But in order to educate we must set examples for the masses to follow, and in setting any examples we have to use the formula of integrating theory with practice. So the theory of socialism (ownership and operation of the means of production and distribution by society) has to be put into practice in order for the masses to become educated to the philosophy of socialism. The Black Panther Party has proven to the people that the principles of socialism do relate to the broad masses of people. Taking it down to a fundamentally lower level, many of us practiced the basics of socialism without realizing it, this is how natural a practice it is. Lumpen proletarians (street niggers, in other words) practiced socialism on a low level when your street gangs ripped off the corner supermarket so that you all could eat, Right On! Winoes practiced socialism on a low level when you got in your allyway or on your street corner and passed that bottle, Right On! You were distributing whatever you had with those who didn't. Sisters, you practiced socialism. If you needed a cup of sugar, all you had to do was go right next door and get one. That's what it's all about. All of these examples just go to show you that socialism, or the idea of socialism is no big phenomenon it has existed since the early stages of man, but was never advanced from that lower level to a higher level in most countries because of the emergence of capitalism. The Black Panther Party is bringing the idea, or the concept of socialism from a lower to a higher level, with the initiation of the Liberation Schools, Free Breakfast Program, Free Lunch Program, Free Health Clinics, etc. These are all practices in socialism. Our latest endeavor to meet the needs and desires of the people, the Free Clothing Drive for Welfare Recipients, has proven again to be a correct policy to be carried out along with the other Programs started by the Party. The Free Clothing Drive was initiated to help serve the Welfare Recipients in clothing their children for school and offering free clothing for themselves, because we clearly see that the government does not care if we send our children to school properly dressed or not and Old Dingy Lindsay just dosen't give a damn, so it is the responsibility of the Black Panther Party and every revolutionary collective to see to it that our people are not neglected any longer. So the Black Panther Party will continue to develop these programs to serve the people and constantly raise the political level of the masses to the point where we, on a collective basis, will be organized and armed and we will face this racist, decadent, oppressive capitalistic system and shout in unison ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!!

SEIZE THE TIME!
Diahnne Jenkins
Lt. of Health
Black Panther Party
Corona Branch, N.Y. Chapter

N.Y. FREE CLOTHES

On Sunday, Sept. 28,1969 a rally was held to distribute clothing to the Welfare Recipients. This was another endeavor made by the Black Panther Party to set forth in meeting the basic needs and desires of the people. It is already a fact that the government could care less about seeing that the people are properly clothed and fed and it is the will of the Black Panther Party, following the teachings of our Minister of Defense, Huey P. Newton, to meet the basic needs and desires of the people.

The rally was very much accepted by the people, and an overwhelming amount of people accepted the Party as being the Vanguard Party in leading the people to liberation. The Free Clothing Rally, combined with the many other programs initiated by the Black Panther Party, has set forth an example for the people of taking the basic needs and desires of the people and implementing a program to meet these basic needs and desires.

Solidarity among the masses is becoming an objective reality through bringing the masses together so that they can see the contradiction of this capitalist society and weigh these findings with the ideology of Socialism 'Serving the People.' The reality of socialism overthrowing capitalism is because through their practice this will be the will of the people.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!
Def. Captain, Carlton Yearwood
Black Panther Party
New York Chapter
Corona Branch



PEOPLE RECEIVE FREE CLOTHES



NEW YORK CLOTHING PROGRAM

BREAKFAST FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN PROGRAMS

Free Breakfast for School Children is being held by the Black Panther Party in conjunction with many churches to serve the needs of hungry children across the fascist nation of Babylon.

All children in grammar schools and growing young adults in junior high schools can receive free, full breakfasts in the mornings before they go to school. The fact that the Black Panther Party has implemented this program and fed over 20,000 children last year



qualifies the need for this program to continue.

The schools and the racist-oriented fascist Boards of Education should have had this program instituted long ago. But these school boards and administrators, being part and parcel of the U.S. fascist pig apparatus (tool) know that the continuation of hunger is their number I. weapon for carrying out genocide on the oppressed peoples of Babylon. Understanding this, the Black Panther Party does not intend to stand by and let this continue. We know that healthy bodies and sound minds are a necessity to gain an education, necessary to throw off the fascist chains of oppression that would lead to our total destruction. People in the Black community, mothers, welfare recipients, grandmothers, guardians, and others who are trying to raise children in the communities where racists and fascists oppress us are asked to come forth to work and support this much needed program.

Those who want to volunteer their services full or part-time in the mornings can do so by contacting one of the listed chapters or branches of the Black Panther Party.

We strongly urge as many people as possible to unite with this Community-Black Panther Party Program. We are also asking all businesses throughout the Black communities and other oppressed communities, to donate the necessary foods and utensils to prepare the meals for our children. Items of value donated to Breakfast for Children are tax deductable.

Items and funds may be sent to the Free Breakfast for School Children C/O Black Panther Party listed in asterisk.

For further information contact:
Randolph Albury
National Free Breakfast for School Children Coordinator
Black Panther Party, National Headquarters
3106 Shattuck Ave.
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** denotes Free Breakfast Programs now in operation*
Send donations to nearest Black Panther Party office
Make checks to: BFSC-C/O Black Panther Party

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MOTHERS SUPPORT BREAKFAST PROGRAM



WELFARE MOTHERS ON THE MOVE

We the welfare Mom's of New Haven went into the homes of the people and other welfare Moms and asked them to relate their feelings about the Free Breakfast Program that the Black Panther Party has started in New Haven. One Mom said that that she was pleased with the program, but she said the Black Panther Party should be serving lunch, because she felt the children should have a good lunch. We, the Moms of New Haven said that the purpose for the Breakfast Program is so that many of our children do not go to school with no food in their stomachs.

Our children cannot study without the proper amount of breakfast in the morning. The Welfare Department, gives the welfare mothers about 68¢ a day to eat off of which we know isn't enough to feed our children. Our children are hungry when they go to school and the children cannot concentrate on their books because they see a picture with an apple on it and our childrens mouths are hanging open wishing to taste it. So that is the purpose of the Free Breakfast Program the Black Panther Party has started in New Haven so our children will not have to go to school with their mouths hanging open that way.

That's why it's a very good thing that the Black Panther Party is doing for our children all over the nation. We the Welfare Mom's of New Haven, say: ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE. And we need the power of the Black Panther Party which has given full support to the Welfare Moms of New Haven, Connecticut in our vast struggle to survive.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

RIGHT ON!

Emma Simms, New Haven Conn.

JOHN HUGGINS MEMORIAL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

On September 23,1969 the John Huggins Memorial Free Breakfast for Children Program was given temporary permission to be held at the Newhallville Teen Lounge. Final approval was to be given on the basis of how much community support we could gather by October 14,1969. A concentrated effort to inform the community of both the Free Breakfast Program and the conditions we were faced with in using the building was started immediately. During this time the pigs of New Haven tried to stop the solicitation of donations from merchants in the community by sending top fascist Cahill Ahern (Chief of police) before t.v., threatening the Black Panther Party with charges of extortion if we don't "watchout"! But in spite of these efforts, on October 8, 1969, the first Free Breakfast for Children Program in the New Haven community began with a total of 14 children attendng. In the five day period up to October 14, a total of 180 children were served free hot breakfast. Community participation in the Program is growing larger each morning.

The meeting held October 14, was the people's from beginning to end. Over 100 adults and teenagers from all over the city jammed the meeting place to decide whether or not the children can continue to be fed free breakfast in the morning. The people said "Feed the Children".

Power to the People is becoming a reality despite the rise of fascism in this dog Babylon (America). Huey P. Newton foresaw, when he first started the idea of the Free Breakfast for Children Program that the people would take this program as their own and use and develop it to serve their own problems. The Black Panther Party is the same as the Free Breakfast for Children Program, as it is the People's tool to use for liberation against the racist-fascist dogs of Babylon.

This Breakfast Program is a memorial to Brother John Huggins (Feb. 11, 1945-Jan 17, 1969) who was murdered by the black fascist Karengatangs of Ron Karenga in Los Angeles, California. John grew up here in New Haven. Even before he joined the Black Panther Party, John Huggins was always active in bettering the conditions of the people. "By lifting their hands against John, they lifted their hands against the best the humanity possesses." His revolutionary love for the people must never die.

Meals at the John Huggins Memorial Free Breakfast for Children Program are served between 7:00-8:30 each school day morning. For transportation call Newhallville Teen Lounge, 179 Shelton Ave., Tel. 777-5341, between 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. Mon. -Fri. Donations of food, utensils, time, and finances are needed. For information call Black Panther Party offices (temporary) at 35 Sylvan Ave., tel. 562-7463.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!!

New Haven Chapter
Black Panther Party



A HEALTHY BODY BREEDS A HEALTHY MIND

LOS ANGELES AGENT EXPOSED

FRED HOFFMAN

The Friends of the Black Panthers have been having some problems in recent months with several police frameups, armed robberies, rape and other forms of the lawlessness which is the basis of American society. Ten days ago a paid LAPD informer surfaced and laid some heavy accusations on the leadership.

Professor Donald Freed was accused of possessing hand grenades given him by the police spy; Mrs. Shirley Southerland was charged with contributing money for the weapons. If anyone knowingly possessed the arms it was the agent, but there was no mention of throwing him in jail.

Friday the Friends of the Panthers held a noon rally in front of the Federal Court Bldg., 312 N. Broadway, to show solidarity with the Chicago Conspiracy 8, demand freedom for all political prisoners and protest the frameup arrests of Freed and Southerland.

Only a few dozen Panther sympathizers turned out for Friday's rally along with several dozen cops. The LAPD photographic squad was out in full force, shooting everyone's picture and assuring them that photography is a police right. A few Movement and FREE PRESS photographers shot back but it was uneven contest due to the large number of police.

The Friends of the Panthers were astonished when the police informer himself, James Jarrett, had the effrontery to attend the demonstration of the group he once spied on. Surrounded by a gang of bodyguards, Jarrett seemed to be looking for someone who was not present at the rally.

It turned out that Jarrett was looking for Ron Warren, chairman of the Friends of the Panthers. He had just come from arresting Susan Spivak at her San Fernando Valley residence on a warrant for harboring a fugitive and was looking to arrest Warren on the same charge. Miss Spivak was held in Sybil Brand Women's Detention Facility in lieu of $12,500 bail.

The police refused to tell Miss Spivak or her friends who she was accused of harboring. Friends of the Panthers were unable to determine whether any other warrants had been issued. They later found out that Warren had also been accused by the informer.

Tuesday morning Susan Spivak was arraigned in Division 40. At the same time Ron Warren surrendered to the authorities and the defense attorney moved he be released on his own recognizance. The judge called both defendants into his chambers and released them on their own recognizance.

SPYWORK

Jarrett infiltrated Friends of the Panthers about 6 months ago. When he left the police informer made felony accusations against the chairman, the head of the finance committee and the woman in charge of distributing the BLACK PANTHER newspaper.

While Jarrett was a member several other Friends of the Panthers suspected that he was a spy, but nothing could be done about him. There was no way to prove he was an agent until he blew his cover and the group had not machinery for dealing with finks anyway.

Jarrett taught the other members a class in first aid and self defense, but he seemed more interested in showing off than he was in teaching. Friends of the Panthers does not engage in illegal activities so the members thought there was nothing to fear.

A loner who did not relate to the other members, Jarrett carries a blackjack in his back pocket and rode a motorcycle. He always came to meetings alone. Jarrett managed to get friendly with Don Freed, the finance chairman who has been pointed out by several right-wing investigators.

The establishment has been trying to cut off sources of Black Panther finances and Freed's name has been read into the Congressional Record from FBI reports and elsewhere. His arrest on fake charges was probably inevitable with or without Jarrett in the organization.



JAMES JARRETT

RAPISTS

Friends of the Panthers has other enemies beside police spies.

A month ago a young woman member of the Friends of the Panthers was robbed and assaulted at gunpoint in her own home. Two men, possibly Cuban refugees, forced their way into her apartment. One held the gun while the other one searched her effects and pocketed $20. The man who did the searching also called her a "traitor," a "communist" and other names. Then, while the gunman held his pistol on her, the Cuban who was doing the talking decided to rape her. The men had been in the house about 15 minutes and the rapist had just finished when they were frightened off by a neighbor's car coming in the driveway.

BUFFALO'S GESTAPO MUST BE STOPPED

At about 7:30 p.m., on September 17, while changing a flat tire on the car he was driving, Hershel Wilson, a citizen of the Black community in Buffalo, was approached by cops from precinct 6. They cursed him, struck him in the face with a weapon -- either a night stick or black jack, -- and knocked his identification from his hand saying, "No you don't have to give it to us now." Then they handcuffed him and beat him more before they shoved him into their car and left. Witnesses at the gas station where Wilson was changing the tire said he had no injuries when he arrived, but he did have a small cut over his left eye when he was taken away by the pigs, followed by another car from the Tactical Patrol Unit (TPU).

Hershel Wilson was taken to the scene of an apparent "hit and run" - a traffic violation involving a parked car. Handcuffed and accused of leaving the scene of an accident, he was then taken back to the gas station whereone of the pigs searched the trunk of the car Wilson had been driving.

Then taken to precinct 12, witnesses, including Mr. Miles, the owner of the parked car involved in the accident, say Hershel Wilson was brought in, questioned at the desk and the handcuffs removed. At about 8:45 he still had only that small cut over his eye.

Shortly after 9 p.m., Hershel Wilson was dead!

After his family was finally notified, hours later, and give the "run-around" when attempting to locate his body, they found only some of the gory evidence surrounding their son's death. On the floor of the interrogation room was blood and something "oatmealish" in appearance. The pigs said it came out of his mouth!

Then at the Erie County Morgue they found the bloodied body of their son clad in a t-shirt and shorts, neither of which were his. The same material seen on the interrogation room floor was coming from his nose, mouth, and a hole in the back of his head. His hands and wrists bore deep marks, as if they'd been bound. His whole body was cut up, supposedlyan autopsyhad already been performed, even before his family was aware of his death! None of his clothes nor his ring, nor his wallet containing $10 has been located.

Such are the details surrounding the "mysterious" death of another victim of Buffalo's infamously racist pig force. Whether it was an intentional or "accidently" intentional murder is of little consequence now.

Hershel Wilson was a Black man killed by a racist pig force occupying his own community. This and all other actions of aggression, oppression and harassment will not be tolerated by the Black community in Buffalo for much longer!

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Black Panther Party Platform and Program

What We Want What We Believe



FREE HUEY

Minister of Defense, Black Panther Party

1. We want freedom. We want power to determine the destiny of our Black Community.

We believe that black people will not be free until we are able to determine our destiny.

2. We want full employment for our people.

We believe that the federal government is responsible and obligated to give every man employment or a guaranteed income. We believe that if the white American businessmen will not give full employment, then the means of production should be taken from the businessmen and placed in the community so that the people of the community can organize and employ all of its people and give a high standard of living.

3. We want an end to the robbery by the CAPITALIST of our Black Community.

We believe that this racist government has robbed us and now we are demanding the overdue debt of forty acres and two mules. Forty acres and two mules was promised 100 years ago as restitution for slave labor and mass murder of black people. We will accept the payment in currency which will be distributed to our many communities. The Germans are now aiding the Jews in Israel for the genocide of the Jewish people. The Germans murdered six million Jews. The American racist has taken part in the slaughter of over fifty million black people; therefore, we feel that this is a modest demand that we make.

4. We want decent housing, fit for shelter of human beings.

We believe that if the white landlords will not give decent housing to our black community, then the housing and the land should be made into cooperatives so that our community, with government aid, can build and make decent housing for its people.

5. We want education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent American society. We want education that teaches us our true history and our role in the present-day society.

We believe in an educational system that will give to our people a knowledge of self. If a man does not have knowledge of himself and his position in society and the world, then he has little chance to relate to anything else.

6. We want all black men to be exempt from military service.

We believe that Black people should not be forced to fight in the military service to defend a racist government that does not protect us. We will not fight and kill other people of color in the world who, like black people, are being victimized by the white racist government of America. We will protect ourselves from the force and violence of the racist police and the racist military, by whatever means necessary.

7. We want an immediate end to POLICE BRUTALITY and MURDER of black people.

We believe we can end police brutality in our black community by organizing black self-defense groups that are dedicated to defending our black community from racist police oppression and brutality. The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States gives a right to bear arms. We therefore believe that all black people should arm themselves for self-defense.

8. We want freedom for all black men held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails.

We believe that all black people should be released from the many jails and prisons because they have not received a fair and impartial trial.

9. We want all black people when brought to trial to be tried in court by a jury of their peer group or people from their black communities, as defined by the Constitution of the United States.

We believe that the courts should follow the United States Constitution so that black people will receive fair trials. The 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution gives a man a right to be tried by his peer group. A peer is a person from a similar economic, social, religious, geographical, environmental, historical and racial background. To do this the court will be forced to select a jury from the black community from which the black defendant came. We have been, and are being tried by all-white juries that have no understanding of the "average reasoning man" of the black community.

10. We want land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace. And as our major political objective, a United Nations-supervised plebiscite to be held throughout the black colony in which only black colonial subjects will be allowed to participate, for the purpose of determining the will of black people as to their national destiny.

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. **That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.** Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and, accordingly, all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. **But, when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security.**

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RULES OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY

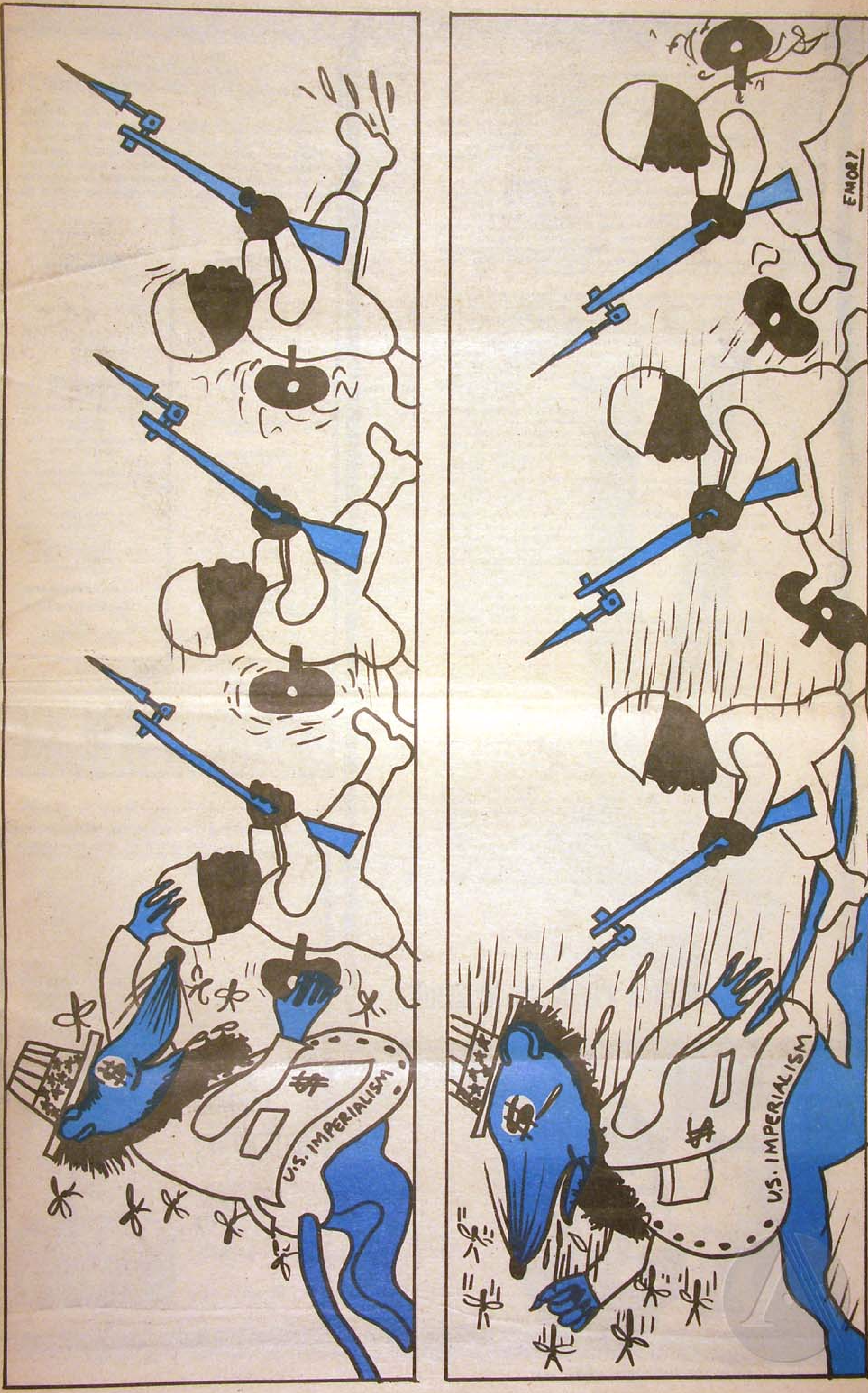
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Every member of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY throughout this country of racist America must abide by these rules as functional members of this party. CENTRAL COMMITTEE members, CENTRAL STAFFS, and LOCAL STAFFS, including all captains subordinate to either national, state, and local leadership of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY will enforce these rules. Length of suspension or other disciplinary action necessary for violation of these rules will depend on national decisions by national, state or state area, and local committees and staffs where said rule or rules of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY WERE VIOLATED.

Every member of the party must know these verbatum by heart. And apply them daily. Each member must report any violation of these rules to their leadership or they are counter-revolutionary and are also subjected to suspension by the BLACK PANTHER PARTY.

THE RULES ARE:

1. No party member can have narcotics or weed in his possession while doing party work.
2. Any party member found shooting narcotics will be expelled from this party.
3. No party member can be DRUNK while doing daily party work.
4. No party member will violate rules relating to office work, general meetings of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY, and meetings of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY ANYWHERE.
5. No party member will USE, POINT, or FIRE a weapon of any kind unnecessarily or accidentally at anyone.
6. No party member can join any other army force other than the BLACK LIBERATION ARMY.
7. No party member can have a weapon in his possession while DRUNK or loaded off narcotics or weed.
8. No party member will commit any crimes against other party members or BLACK people at all, and cannot steal or take from the people, not even a needle or a piece of thread.
9. When arrested BLACK PANTHER MEMBERS will give only name, address, and will sign nothing. Legal first aid must be understood by all Party members.
10. The Ten Point Program and platform of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY must be known and understood by each Party member.
11. Party Communications must be National and Local.
12. The 10-10-10-program should be known by all members and also understood by all members.
13. All Finance officers will operate under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Finance.
14. Each person will submit a report of daily work.
15. Each Sub-Section Leader Section Leader, Lieutenant, and Captain must submit Daily reports of work.
16. All Panthers must learn to operate and service weapons correctly.
17. All Leadership personnel who expel a member must submit this information to the Editor of the Newspaper, so that it will be published in the paper and will be known by all chapters and branches.
18. Political Education Classes are mandatory for general membership.
19. Only office personnel assigned to respective offices each day should be there. All others are to sell papers and do Political work out in the community, including Captains, Section Leaders, etc.
20. COMMUNICATIONS — all chapters must submit weekly reports in writing to the National Headquarters.
21. All Branches must implement First Aid and/or Medical Cadres.
22. All Chapters, Branches, and components of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY must submit a monthly Financial Report to the Ministry of Finance, and also the Central Committee.
23. Everyone in a leadership position must read no less than two hours per day to keep abreast of the changing political situation.
24. No chapter or branch shall accept grants, poverty funds, money or any other aid from any government agency without contacting the National Headquarters.
25. All chapters must adhere to the policy and the ideology laid down by the CENTRAL COMMITTEE of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY.
26. All Branches must submit weekly reports in writing to their respective Chapters.


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